

Question on Notice

No. 45

Asked on Wednesday, 11 February 2026

DR B O'SHEA ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH (HON S O'CONNOR)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of people experiencing homelessness in the Brisbane Local Government Area in the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 (reported separately by month)?

ANSWER:

In the Brisbane Region, our Housing Outreach and Mobile Engagement (HOME) team collaborates with key Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) providers, including Micah Projects, Communitify (Hart4000), and Brisbane Youth Service to facilitate referrals and outreach support to people experiencing homelessness.

It is important to acknowledge that those experiencing homelessness often have multiple touchpoints across the service system, engaging concurrently with agencies such as Queensland Health, the Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) and the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety.

Through our Homelessness Ministerial Advisory Council, we are actively working to improve collaboration between different parts of government and the sector.

DHPW monitors data from the Specialist Homelessness Services Collection (SHSC) managed by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). This dataset tracks individuals accessing government-funded homelessness services. Brisbane Local Government Area (LGA) level data is cumulative data available quarterly by financial year. During the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, 16,315 people were assisted by these services in the Brisbane City LGA, providing a verified count of service utilisation rather than an estimated measure of need.

Using the same dataset, in the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025, 8,460 people accessed government-funded homelessness services in Brisbane LGA. AIHW does not report this information by month at a local government level. The only measure reported monthly by AIHW is the number of SHS clients assisted at a whole of Queensland level.