

Question on Notice

No. 62

Asked on Wednesday, 11 February 2026

HON M SCANLON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH (**HON S O'CONNOR**)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the answer to Question on Notice No. 1562 of 2025, which advised that the Minister is responsible for investigating the 419 smaller sites with potential for housing identified through the statewide audit of surplus government land undertaken by the former Labor Government following the 2022 Queensland Housing Summit—

Will the Minister advise (a) of the 419 sites how many have been fully investigated, how many are currently under investigation, and how many investigations have not yet commenced, (b) of the 419 sites, how many have been assessed as suitable for housing, how many are still being assessed and how many have been ruled out for housing including the primary reasons sites have been ruled out and (c) what infrastructure funding or other government funding has been allocated in the 25 26 Queensland Budget to enable development on any of these sites, including the amount and the sites to which it applies?

ANSWER:

- (a) All sites have been fully investigated or are under investigation.
- (b) 85 sites have been assessed as suitable, 50 sites are still being assessed and 284 sites have been assessed as unsuitable.

The majority of sites identified under the former government's land audit were never realistically viable for housing.

I am advised prior to the Crisafulli Government's election, many sites were deemed unsuitable due to issues such flood risk, tenure constraints, incompatible land use (such as rural and industrial land), mine subsidence or being situated in remote locations with limited social housing demand.

This underscores the approach of the former government which prioritised announcements over outcomes – promising sites for housing without doing the hard work to determine whether homes could actually be delivered.

- (c) Sites assessed as suitable have infrastructure readily accessible.