

Question on Notice

No. 2332

Asked on 24 November 2010

MR WELLS asked the Minister for Community Services and Housing and Minister for Women (MS STRUTHERS)—

QUESTION

What improvements/additions have been made to the public housing stock in the electorate of Murrumba (or if more convenient the region) over the last year or other indicative period?

ANSWER

In 2009–10 and 2010–11 to date, the Queensland Government has allocated over \$2.3 million to upgrade and maintain social housing accommodation within the Murrumba electorate.

In the electorate, improvements to social housing have included the upgrading of kitchens, improving bathroom and laundry amenities and the provision of specific home modifications for clients with a disability. Also, maintenance services delivered have included repainting, responding to tenant requests for services, delivering statutory/mandatory maintenance obligations and installing water saving devices.

Under the Repairs and Maintenance component of the Nation Building and Jobs Plan initiative of the Australian Government's Economic Stimulus Package, an additional amount of \$840,000 was expended during 2008–09 and 2009–10. This funding was expended on improving the amenity of social housing accommodation and to accelerate existing environmental activities such as the installation of ceiling insulation, ceiling fans, provision of additional amenities such as built-in wardrobes and kitchens, improved perimeter fencing and driveway upgrades. Delivery of works under this initiative has now been completed.

Also, over the last two years the Department of Communities has augmented social housing accommodation in the Murrumba electorate. In 2009–10, the department purchased a four-bedroom detached house at Griffin for a total approved budget of \$408,000.

In 2010–11 to date, the department has purchased 18 units of social housing accommodation for a total approved budget of \$4.680 million, including—

- 17 three-bedroom attached houses at Rothwell for a total approved budget of \$4.280 million
- A four-bedroom detached house at North Lakes for a total approved budget of \$400,000.

I thank the honourable Member for his support of the Government's social housing initiatives in the Murrumba electorate and the State.