

Extract from Hansard

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Mr Vincent Catania; Mr P.J. Rundle

DIVISION 35: COMMUNITIES — SERVICES 7 TO 9, HOUSING; HOMELESSNESS —

[Supplementary Information No B6.]

Question: Mr V.A. Catania asked how many of the 3 300 social housing homes will be built in the Carnarvon and Gascoyne regions over the next four years and how many existing social housing stock will be refurbished.

Answer: The development of 3,300 homes is part of a rolling program that as at 30 April 2022, has delivered 397 dwellings this financial year, 17 of these have been delivered in the Midwest/Gascoyne region.

There are currently more than 800 dwellings contracted or under construction across WA. Of these, there are 19 social housing dwellings under contract in the Midwest/Gascoyne region.

Planning for new dwellings is also undertaken on a rolling basis aligned to waitlist demand, subject to land availability and market capacity. This will see further social housing dwellings delivered in the Midwest/Gascoyne region either through construction or spot purchase.

As part of Social Housing Economic Recovery Package and Housing and Homelessness Investment Package refurbishment program, 35 dwellings have been contracted for refurbishment in the Midwest/Gascoyne region with 14 dwellings located in Carnarvon. As at 30 April 2022, six refurbished dwellings in Carnarvon have been completed.

In addition, Communities is investing \$839 million from 2021–22 to 2025–26 for maintenance and refurbishment of social housing across Western Australia, including in the Midwest/Gascoyne region.

[Supplementary Information No B7.]

Question: Mr P.J. Rundle asked how many houses were built under the social housing economic recovery package in 2021–22.

Answer: As of 30 April 2022, a total of 13 properties have been completed this financial year, with 88 under contract through the SHERP new build program.

The SHERP program will deliver a total of 150 properties by 2023–24, with an additional 173 new builds to be delivered by the community housing sector.

The SHERP program is one of many that is delivering social housing for Western Australia as part of the McGowan Government's \$2.4 billion investment into housing and homelessness over this term of government.