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State Budget funds Crisis Housing in Ipswich

Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan, says funds contained in the State Budget to fight homelessness have already started to flow with more than \$192,000 for six Ipswich based housing group.

Ms Nolan said the Minister for Public Works and Housing, Robert Swarten, had approved close to \$2 million in grants to 54 organisations to lease 156 dwellings across the state helping people who might otherwise be homeless.

“The crisis accommodation program, administered by the Department of Housing provides funds to community-based groups, enabling them to lease dwellings in the private rental market to house people facing an urgent need for housing,” she said.

Ms Nolan said Churches of Christ Care would receive a \$53,196 grant to rent five dwellings and Ozcare would receive \$26,312 to rent three residential dwellings in Ipswich.

“Ipswich Community Youth Service will receive \$30,600 to rent three dwellings and Ipswich Women’s Shelter will receive \$11,440 to rent one dwelling,” she said.

“All of these organisations play a vital role in the Ipswich community helping people who may otherwise find themselves homeless.”

Ms Nolan said a number of State Government agencies were working together to improve responses and better integrate service for people at risk of homelessness and people experiencing homelessness.

“In this year’s State Budget the Beattie Government announced a record \$235.5 million over four years to address homelessness,” she said.

“This will be used to target communities with highest demand particularly where people are being squeezed out of the private rental market.”