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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

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In relation to: Community Services Directorate and Growing and Renewing non accessible dwellings

Question Lodgement Date: 30/07/2024

Date Answer Due: 07/08/2024

The ACT Housing Strategy 5 Year Snapshot advises that over 720 homes have been delivered via constructions and acquisitions. It also advises that since the start of the program 543 dwellings have been delivered to either the Gold Liveable Housing Design Guidelines or Adaptable Class C standards. This advice indicates that some 170 dwellings have not been constructed to either an adaptable or liveable standard.

- (1) Is this the case and why are these dwellings not constructed to support people whose needs may change and want to stay within their home?

Yvette Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) The ACT Housing Strategy 5 Year Snapshot reported March 2024 data.

Using the most current data (June 2024), 790 dwellings have been delivered (via construction and purchases) under the Growing and Renewing Public Housing Program (Program) and 627 of these were either Gold Liveable Housing Design or Adaptable Class C standards.

Where possible, properties constructed under the Program are delivered to either the Gold Liveable Housing Design standard or Adaptable Class C standards (with an aim to achieve at least 90% of new constructions to these standards).

Using the most current data (June 2024), of the 614 dwellings constructed under the Program, 597 dwellings met Gold Liveable Housing Design Standards or Adaptable Class C standards.

Housing ACT also looks to purchase dwellings that provide adaptable design features to maximise the flexibility of use for tenants of a wide range of ages and abilities. However, the availability for Housing ACT to purchase dwellings that are either Gold Liveable Housing Design or Adaptable Class C standards from the open market, is limited. Using the most current data (June 2024), of the 176 dwellings purchased from the market over the life of Program (known as acquisitions), 30 dwellings met either Gold Liveable Housing Design or Adaptable Class C standards. The remaining 146 dwellings purchased were standard design and have, or are, meeting the Housing ACT waitlist demand.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature:

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Date:

7/08/24

By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Ms Yvette Berry