



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Yvette Berry MLA

Reference: Housing ACT and Wait lists/Community Services Directorate

Hearing: 11 February 2025

In relation to: Housing ACT and Wait lists

Question received: 17 February 2025

Answer Due: 24 February 2025

- (1) How long is the current wait list for applicants to access a Housing ACT property in days?
- (2) How many applicants are currently on the wait list to access a Housing ACT property?
- (3) How many applicants do you foresee will be on the wait list to access a Housing ACT property by 2025-26?
- (4) How many applicants do you foresee will be on the wait list to access a Housing ACT property by 2029-30?
- (5) How many new applications for housing assistance were received in 2023- 24?
- (6) How many applications for housing assistance rolled over from previous years into 2023-24?
- (7) How many tenants are currently on the wait list to be relocated from their current Housing ACT property to another one?
- (8) How many new or acquired dwellings would Housing ACT needs to acquire to reduce the current wait list time to a shorter time, for example, six months?

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

1. As of 31 December 2024, the average waitlist times in days to access a Housing ACT property is:
 - a) 187 days for the Priority housing list.
 - b) 1,104 days for the High needs housing list.
 - c) 1,945 for the Standard housing list.
2. As of 31 December 2024, there are 3,002 approved ACT Housing applications.

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3. The public housing waiting lists are influenced by several factors including demand for housing assistance and the supply of housing. It is therefore not possible to predict waiting list numbers for specific future dates.
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5. 1,079 new applications for housing assistance were received during 2023-2024.
6. Approximately 1,502 applications 'rolled over' from previous financial years.
7. As of 31 December 2024, there are 879 approved Housing ACT Transfer applications.
8. Any increase in Housing ACT stock would directly attribute to a reduction of wait times. It is not possible to provide the exact number of properties, given the changing nature of applicants and their households, in addition to the external factors that impact housing supply.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

Minister for Homes and New Suburbs, Yvette Berry MLA

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