



STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING
Mr Johnathan Davis MLA (Chair), Mr James Milligan MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
Friday 4 March 2022

Asked by Mr Milligan on 4 March 2022: Shane Nielsen took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Do tenants have their needs assessed on a yearly basis to ensure that they do qualify for public housing?

MS VASSAROTTI: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Sustainable income review was not undertaken during the 2020-21 reporting period.

The most recent review was completed in 2018-19. The timing of the next review is yet to be determined. This is due to the influence on the economy and job market that the COVID-19 pandemic impacts have had.

Housing ACT periodically undertakes a Sustainable Income Review which targets those tenants paying full market rent who may have the capacity to sustain a private rental tenancy or to purchase their own home.

In addition to considering the household income, the review process also considers other factors, such as whether the household may be entitled to a rent rebate; the combined value of assets; whether the tenant has an interest in other real estate properties in Australia; or whether their current financial situation is likely to be reasonably sustainable for the foreseeable future.

Other details including age, general health, disability, carer responsibilities and employment; the appropriateness of the existing property for their needs; and their capacity to obtain appropriate affordable and suitable accommodation are also considered during the review.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature: 

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By the Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services, Rebecca Vassarotti MLA