



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

Reference: Planning

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In relation to: Territory Priority Projects and Appeals

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Answer Due: 26 February 2025

- (1) How many public housing and public health developments are currently in the pipeline that would be classified as Territory Priority Projects (TPP)?
- (2) How many public housing and public health developments have been subject to ACAT appeal applications by third parties in 2023-24?
- (3) How many appeals regarding public housing and public health developments have been denied by ACAT in 2023-24?
- (4) Broadly speaking, what were the main reasons behind these appeals being denied?
- (5) How many appeals regarding a public housing and public health developments have been accepted by ACAT in 2023-24?
- (6) Broadly speaking, what were the main reasons behind these appeals being accepted?
- (7) How many appeals regarding a public housing and public health developments were resolved by mediated outcomes prior to a final ACAT decision in 2023-24?
- (8) How many public housing and public health developments have been subject to ACAT appeal applications by third parties between 2013-14 and 2023-24?

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) Under the *Planning (Territory Priority Project) Amendment Bill 2025*, it is proposed that a development proposal related to a public health facility and public housing will be classified as Territory Priority Projects.

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Infrastructure Canberra (iCBR) is accountable for the New Northside Hospital and Casey Health Centre projects. Additionally, iCBR is aware of the following two projects that it supports delivery of on behalf of the ACT Health Directorate; West Belconnen Health Care Centre and Casey Health Care Centre.

As part of the new Administrative Orders, iCBR is also accountable for delivery of 1000 more public housing homes, which would be classified as Territory Priority Projects under the proposed *Planning (Territory Priority Project) Amendment Act 2025*.

- (2) In 2023-24, three third-party applications were made to the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) in relation to development applications (DAs) for public housing.

In 2023-2024, no ACAT applications were received in relation to DAs for public health facilities.

- (3) No appeals regarding public housing and public health developments were denied by ACAT in 2023-24. Out of the three ACAT applications in relation to public housing, two applications related to the same proposal where ACAT confirmed the original DA decision, with amendments. The remaining matter was mediated between parties.

- (4) See response to question 3.

- (5) See response to question 3.

- (6) Generally, appeals through the ACAT process can only be accepted where they meet the legislative requirements. Both the Territory Planning Authority (the Authority) and ACAT must ensure the proposal meets the requirements of the Territory Plan and Planning Act.

- (7) See response to question 3.

- (8) The Authority does not have readily available information regarding DAs for public housing and public health developments that have been subject to ACAT appeal applications by third parties between 2013-14 and 2023-24. Retrieving this information would require a manual review of each application, requiring extensive time and resources.

However, information relating to ACAT matters that involved public housing, back to 2019, was recently provided in [QON 121](#).

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By the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development, Chris Steel MLA