



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Rebecca Vassarotti MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Housing and Homelessness

In relation to: Housing and Homelessness and Vacant properties data trend

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MS VASSAROTTI: Yes, thank you so much, chair. Welcome to the portfolio, minister. One of my supps has actually already just been covered by Mr Emerson. But I was just hoping, in terms of the question you took on notice around vacancy times, if you would be able to do that and provide a trend of that so it is not just a point in time but we could actually see how that is trending over time?

Ms Yates: We can certainly look at that.

MS VASSAROTTI: Yes, thank you.

Ms Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Table 1 provides the number of public housing properties available for allocation at the end of each quarter during 2025-26 and the average number of days these properties have been vacant. It also identifies the proportion of those properties located in low demand complexes. It is important to note that vacancy days are calculated from the date the property become vacant (i.e. the keys were handed back to Housing ACT following the last tenancy), not the date it became available for allocation.

Table 1 - Public Housing Vacant Properties - Available for Allocation

Date	Total Number of Properties Available for Allocation	Properties within Low Demand Complexes Available for Allocation	Average days Vacant (all properties)	Average days Vacant (Low demand only)	Average days Vacant (excluding low demand)
30/09/2025	140	56	201	303	132
31/12/2025	100	52	273	390	147
31/03/2026	99	29	269	537	158
30/06/2026	188	28	251	586	192

The data demonstrates that properties in low demand complexes remain vacant for substantially longer than other vacant properties. Not only does this reflect that these properties are in low demand from prospective tenants, but they are also at higher risk of unauthorised occupation and vandalism, which can result in additional repair and maintenance cycles.

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Signature:

Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Ms Suzanne Orr MLA

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