



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA on 15 November 2023: Mr Naughton took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Dual occupancy policy

MS CLAY: Excellent. Minister, I do not know if Housing ACT has yet had a chance to look at this, but I am interested in whether you could look at how many sites you have that would be eligible for the recently announced dual occi policy. Have you done that work yet?

Mr Naughton: I am happy to take that question on notice. We do know the land size that each of our dwellings sits on. The team is looking at that at the moment.

MS CLAY: That would be excellent. While you take that on notice, I am also interested in whether housing blocks could have a second dwelling built. They could also be unit titled and sold to allow somebody else to build an affordable house. I am wondering if Housing ACT has done the work to consider that as a prospect?

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

Dual-occupancy development is already permitted in RZ1 zones on blocks greater than 800m²; noting, unit titling was not previously permitted.

Housing ACT has approximately 1,400 properties which could be within scope of the planning policy changes, permitting unit-titling of secondary residences in RZ1 areas.

The number of sites which could accommodate dual-occupancy development is likely to be lower, due to site specific constraints and topography (tree-coverage, slope, etc.).

Housing ACT has not assessed the prospect of options to unit-title and sell the secondary residence.

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