



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr Mark Parton MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 15 November 2023, Annual Report of Community Services Directorate

In relation to: Housing ACT

1. Can you provide a breakdown of transfer reasons including property type they were originally allocated and what property type they transferred to?
2. Of the applications for priority why were 2 applications denied?

Minister Vassarotti: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. Housing ACT's new housing application form and process has begun to record new applicants' reasons for transfer from November 2023 but previous data on transfer reasons is not available.

In lieu of more specific transfer reason data, the table below provides a summary of the relative change in number of bedrooms before and after transfers between public housing properties during 2022-23.

Change in number of bedrooms	Number of transfers	Proportion of transfers
Decrease	97	35%
No change	100	36%
Increase	78	28%
Total	275	100%

A breakdown of transfers during 2022-23 by property type before and after transfer is shown in the table below.

Change in Property type	Previous tenancy – Property type	Total
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		House	Flat or Townhouse	Older persons accommodation	
New tenancy – Property type	House	110	42		152
	Flat or Townhouse	43	25	3	71
	Older persons accommodation	27	13	12	52
Total		180	80	15	275

2. To be approved to the Priority waitlist, applicants must meet the criteria under the Needs Determination, that is, they must demonstrate exceptional, urgent and critical factors. The 2 applications denied Priority did not meet these criteria and were more appropriately placed on High Needs, as they could demonstrate that they were experiencing 1 or more risk factors.

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

Signature: 

Date: 30/11/2023

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