



# Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

## Answer to question taken on notice

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Asked by: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA

Addressed to: Attorney-General

In relation to: Residential Tenancy Matters

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**THE CHAIR:** Okay. How many tenancy matters are currently before ACAT and how many of these relate to rental arrears? [...]

**Mr Wickham:** Look, I have got some stats from ACAT from the last financial year, but I do not have current for this current financial year.

**THE CHAIR:** Okay.

**Mr Wickham:** So your question was in relation to?

**THE CHAIR:** Tenancy matters are currently before, so it would be this financial year. I am happy for you to take it on notice.

**Mr Wickham:** I will take that on notice, certainly.

**THE CHAIR:** Thank you. How many tenancy matters relating to rental arrears have appeared before ACAT since 2020 to 2021? I think that is what you are—

**Mr Wickham:** I need to take that on notice as well, yes.

**THE CHAIR:** You have not—okay, cool. At the time of each of those matters went to ACAT was the rental arrears—what was the rental arrears, so each individual instance was it \$50, was it 500, was it 1,000, was it 1 million?

**Mr Wickham:** I suspect it will be next to impossible to provide that degree of specificity.

**THE CHAIR:** Okay. Thank you. How many tenants are on payment plans currently as of 30 June each year since 2020-2021?

**Mr Wickham:** I would need to take that on notice and see if that information is obtainable.

**THE CHAIR:** Thank you. How many tenants were on payment plan, do—how many termination orders related to rental arrears have been issued since 2020-2021?

**Mr Wickham:** Again, I need to take that on notice, Ms Barry.

MS TARA CHEYNE MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. As of 25 November 2025, there are 243 open Residential Tenancy matters at the ACAT.

There are currently 18 matters open due to rental arrears. There are another 58 matters open where a lessor is seeking a termination and possession order.

While specific data is not collected on why a lessor may seek a termination and possession order, anecdotally it is often due to rental arrears.

2. From 1 July 2020 to 31 October 2025, there were 6,261 residential tenancy applications lodged with the ACAT.

3. The ACAT does not make 'payment plans' in the manner that they are commonly understood, however it does make [payment orders](#).

From 1 July 2020 to date, there were 221 residential tenancy payment orders made by the ACAT.

4. Information is not collected on termination and possession orders specifically for rental arrears. However, 1424 applications have been lodged by a lessor seeking a termination and possession order from 1 July 2020, which anecdotally is often due to rental arrears.

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