



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: THOMAS EMERSON MLA

Addressed to: Mitch Pirie, Deputy Under Treasurer and Coordinator General Housing

In relation to: Housing Australia Future Fund

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MR MITCH PIRIE took on notice the following question(s):

Mr Pirie: Hi, Mitch Pirie. Acting Coordinator-General for Housing. I have read and understand and acknowledge the privilege statement. With regard to HAFF round two, the ACT's allocation advised from Housing Australia was 85 dwellings, reflecting our share of the national population, but we sought, through our appl, to submit more, over 100 dwellings, as the minister has mentioned, the hope being that other jurisdictions will potentially not meet their share of their quota, and we might seek to get an above per capita share of what is currently on the table. So certainly with that round two application, we have sought to give Housing Australia as many options as possible for them to look at and consider.

MISS NUTTALL: Thank you. And is there scope—are you intending to ask the Commonwealth if you can submit a further application for more funding for HAFF to build more public housing in Canberra, particularly if other states and territories do not meet their—

Ms Berry: Yes, absolutely. I mean, unsurprisingly, it is very popular, the Housing Australia Future Fund, and in the first round the ACT actually put—community housing providers in the ACT put in more applications and had more success, we understand, than any other state or territory per capita. And we are excited to find out who actually was successful. We are just waiting for the contracts to be mailed in the first round and then the second round, we are hoping to be just as successful, and hoping to know about that by the middle of the year, I think. And in a future HAFF round we will again apply, depending on the circumstances that they put around the future HAFF.

MISS NUTTALL: Got you. Thank you. And just to confirm, the 100 that we have applied for, is that considered as part of the 1,000 dwellings that we are planning to build, or is that a separate 100?

Mr Pirie: Yes, I think how I would qualify or characterise this is it is a funding source to help meet the government's commitments for public housing.

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MISS NUTTALL: Existing targets. Got you. Just quickly on the Social Housing Accelerator, if I may, it looks like that is to deliver 55 to 65 dwellings for the Commonwealth funding. Has design work commenced on those dwellings in the Social Housing Accelerator?

Ms Rule: Yes. So we have secured 17 dwellings in Coombes that are due for delivery in the next 12 months. The remaining 38 to 48 will be made up of either the ELI function purchase or construction on new land, and those 38 to 48 are under consideration through government processes at the moment.

MISS NUTTALL: Beautiful. If you do not mind me asking, how many contracts have been entered into for the construction or design of the dwellings?

Ms Rule: Accelerator?

MISS NUTTALL: Yes.

Ms Rule: That is the 17 dwellings.

MISS NUTTALL: Got you. Beautiful. Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Can I just quickly clarify, I think you said over at 100 dwellings in round two. What is the number? Or is it 100?

Ms Borwick: I am just conscious that we are in an application process for consideration by the Commonwealth. I would prefer to take on notice because I am not sure if we can talk through all of that.

Mr Pirie: Yes, we might take that on notice and get back to you on that one.

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

Due to confidentiality agreements with Housing Australia, the exact number of dwellings applied for through the Housing Australia Future Fund Facility (HAFFF) Round 2 is unable to be disclosed. Outcomes are anticipated to be made available to jurisdictions around March 2025, for execution of contracts by the end of June 2025.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

By the Minister for Homes and New Suburbs, Yvette Berry MLA

Date:

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