



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

In relation to: Public housing and Comparison of district distribution

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THE CHAIR: So just to clarify the question was at a district level and the response that we—thank you for your ...(indistinct)...[9.57.57] I should say, the response that we would received was at the beginning of the year it was inner north currently 9.2 percent of housing is Housing ACT properties in Weston Creek 8.2 percent Tuggeranong, so it is that kind of breakdown. I have been seeking a breakdown not from 2024 but from prior years. Is that kind of information stored somewhere? How is, like, you know, because there is this perception, right, that public housing is moving from the centre of the city out to the outer suburbs and so I am trying to either disprove or, you know, I am trying to get some information about that. Is that distribution of properties tracked in some way?

Ms Berry: Well, I can tell you, I know where the houses have been built during the last growth and Renewal Program and Mr Rattenbury will know this pretty well that when there were a range of homes that were demolished in the city's area and a lot of people did have this idea or this, you know, kind of created this myth around the ACT government was moving all everyone out of the city north—north part of the city, inner north and that was not the case and a lot of new housing was built in the inner north and inner south. We can probably—it would be a—we could maybe get—at the time, we could probably get—actually, at the time we could probably get the number of homes that were purchased maybe.

Ms Shields: We do hold the information it is not an issue of not having information it is going back and tracking it over that extended period of time that takes time—

Ms Berry: Yes. The time, yes.

Ms Shields: —and I need to take an official away from other duties to do exactly that piece of work. So it is managing those competing with—perhaps competing priorities. So yes, the information is there and, yes, it does exist, it is how—and how long it takes to pull that information put together.

Ms Berry: It was under the last program it was 1,288 properties. I cannot remember. I still remember that number, it has been engraved in my mind. That went through the initial growth and renewal program and I recall in the inner north part of the city, so kind of in this area and your

electorate, Mr Emerson, there was very high public housing density and so the density has been removed a bit in this area and spread out to other parts of the city but there were a significant number of homes that were replaced here in the city. You would not know them because you cannot tell that they are public housing, which is great, but we might be able to sort of get some broad numbers around what it looked like back at that stage that will have changed as well I imagine.

Ms Shields: It will, yes.

THE CHAIR: Yes, if there is a point of time that is easier for you to provide that comparison, yes, I did ask quite a specific question, to be fair, with multiple different points of time. But I think this is the general, you know, it is just to get a gist, really.

Ms Berry: Yes, and you know, of course, like, you know, back at the beginning of time, things were very different as well within public housing in the ACT. But part of that salt and pepper approach, which I know people have strong views about, is about making sure there is public housing all across the city, so that people can live wherever it suits them, like, the rest of us.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. So that is taken on notice.

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

District	HACT Properties 30 Jun 2020	HACT Properties 30 Jun 2025
Belconnen	3,020	3,089
Gungahlin	1,198	1,253
Canberra Central	3,035	2,916
Molonglo	231	346
Tuggeranong	2,530	2,589
Weston Creek	792	769
Woden Valley	868	897
Rural/Other	30	14
Total	11,704	11,873

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