



SELECT COMMITTEE ON COST OF LIVING PRESSURES IN THE ACT

Mr Johnathan Davis MLA (Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson MLA (Deputy Chair)

Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Johnathan Davis (Chair) on Wednesday 12 April 2023: Catherine Loft took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: I am so sorry, I have got a supplementary and then I am conscious that after this I am going to go to Dr Paterson and she is going to get a really good run, but you brought up delays and so I have to ask, maybe throw you a bone because I have been a bit hostile because I care about this a lot, so please do not take it personally. You mentioned in your previous answer to a question, delays around the construction industry, but you also just mentioned delays in terms of people protesting the development essentially and using ACAT and other appeals processes. Could you proffer any wisdom for the committee about the rate of development applications submitted by the Commissioner for Social Housing that come up against community outcry and how much more that delays the process?

Ms Loft: We do have all of those numbers. We report them on quarterly through our government steering committees. I do not have the numbers in my head, I am sorry, but I can provide that for you.

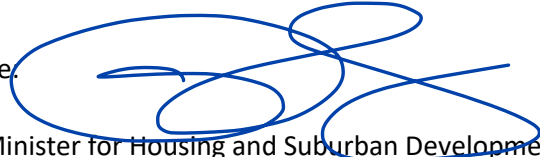
THE CHAIR: That is okay, we can leave that on notice.

YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Since October 2021, there have been 9 applications for review made against Housing ACT proposals (future yield of 36 dwellings). On average it took the Tribunal 113 days to reach a decision. For 3 of these projects the original Notice of Decision was upheld, however, further delays were experienced in obtaining the stamped plans and moving into construction phase. For 3 of these projects, the original Notice of Decision was remitted back to ACT Planning and Land Authority for reconsideration, which ultimately starts the assessment process. For 3 of these projects the original Notice of Decision was refused, and the entire redevelopment process will need to start again, with a further 12 to 18 months needed to re-design and re-submit a new proposal.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Cost of Living Pressures in the ACT

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Date: 08/05/23

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