



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

In relation to: Public Housing and Proportion of housing owned by ACT Government

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THE CHAIR: Yes, sure. Can you tell me on notice what proportion of ACT's housing stock is owned by government now? I think the latest we looked at it, it looked like about 5.7 per cent, and what—how that figure compares to 20 years ago? Again, we based—when we looked at that it looked like about 13 per cent. I just want to make sure we have got the right figures, we are not—

Ms Berry: Yes, that is fine. Although, I would say 20 years ago, or longer than that, as a public housing tenant or family myself, public housing was a different kettle of fish back in those days and was based on a range of different circumstances. Public housing across the country has moved to a needs-based, focusing on those most in need, which means that market renters in public housing has decreased over time.

THE CHAIR: Understood.

Ms Berry: What we did not have 20 years ago was community housing and, you know, purposeful affordable rentals, which is what we are looking at doing more of now. So whilst the public housing numbers have decreased for a range of different reasons, community housing now exists and we want to grow that as well because there is a need for affordable rentals in that space as well.

THE CHAIR: Thank you, Minister. On notice is fine. Do we have any supplementaries?

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

The current volume of Housing ACT properties equates to about 7% of total housing in the ACT, against latest census data (2021).

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Signature: 

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