



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

Reference: Suburban Land Agency

Hearing: 17 November 2025

In relation to: Release of land for affordable, community and public housing

Question received: 18 November 2025

Answer Due: 02 December 2025

Ms Clay, Jo: To ask the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs — NI 2025-536 identifies land in Macnamara (48) and Coombs (10) that will be released for 58 public housing dwellings in 2025-2026.

1. What is the estimated release date for the sites?
2. Have any risks been identified which would affect the proposed release date and if so, what is the risk and what impact would it have on the timing of the release?
3. Are the public housing sites part of a land release that will be taken to the market or will the sites be sold to Housing ACT directly?
4. Has the Suburban Land Agency received confirmation from Housing ACT that the sites are suitable for public housing and that it will purchase the dwellings?

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

1. Macnamara – 36 of the 48 dwelling targets were released early via an offer to Housing ACT in May 2025. A release strategy for the remaining 12 dwellings is yet to be determined.

Coombs – A site for 10 public housing dwellings has been identified for Block 2 Section 36. This is scheduled for release Q4 2025/26FY

2. There are risks associated with all development projects.

Macnamara – The release of the remaining 12 dwellings is not considered at risk presently.

Coombs – The SLA is currently expected to meet the 2025/26 Q4 release timing.

3. Macnamara – The release methodology is still being considering for the 12 dwellings. Discussions with Housing ACT will determine site/s and timing.

Coombs – The release methodology is still being considered however it is possible that the site will be sold to a private developer with the requirement for 10 dwellings for Housing ACT to be delivered through a hand-back arrangement.

4. Macnamara – Site/s for the remaining 12 dwellings will be determined as part of future release strategies.

Coombs – Public housing targets for this block were agreed in consultation with Housing ACT. SLA do not have confirmation of purchase at this time and are working with Housing ACT and ICBR to consider purchase arrangements for the dwellings.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning

Signature



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