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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Mr STEVE DOSZPOT MLA: To ask the Minister for Ageing

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In relation to: ACT Strategic Plan for Positive Ageing 2012 – 2014
Strategic Priority 4 – Housing and Accommodation
Objective 8 – Support innovative accommodation models for older citizens

1. One of the performance indicators was to report on housing options available for older people by 2014. What options are available?
2. How many clients were allocated into Affordable Lease/Licence properties for older people in each year from 2012 - 2014?
3. How many clients were allocated into affordable rental properties for older people in each year from 2012 - 2014?

MINISTER GENTLEMAN (in capacity as Minister for Ageing from 7 July 2014): The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The government continues to pursue additional options for older persons by incorporating sites suitable for aged cared accommodation in its annual Indicative Land Release Program. The 2014-15 ACT Budget sees the provisions of the current *Pensioner Duty Concession Scheme* extended to non-pensioners over 60 years old, who were previously unable to access the scheme. This new *Over 60s Home Bonus Scheme* provides a conveyance duty concession for people over the age of 60 who may find the duty an impediment to downsizing and moving to accommodation more suited to their needs.
There are also certain concessions that are available to older Canberrans who already own property:
 - Rates deferment;
 - Rates rebate;
 - Energy concession; and
 - Water & Sewerage rebate
2. In 2012-13 - two clients purchased Affordable Lease Licence properties.
In 2013-14 - one client purchased an Affordable Lease Licence property.
3. 9 Tenancies in 2011
19 Tenancies in 2012
2 Tenancies in 2013
2 Tenancies in 2014

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By the Minister for Ageing, Mr Mick Gentleman MLA