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Dear Madame Speaker

I am writing to you about Question on Notice E18-564 in relation to the social housing resident population up to and including the 2018-19 Budget, provided to the 2018-19 Select Committee on Estimates.

It has come to my attention that preliminary data in table one indicated nine evictions in 2017-18. Final reconciliation of data for 2017-18 shows 17 evictions. Housing ACT apologise for this error.

I would ask this letter and the attached question be tabled in the Assembly, formally placing the correction on the record.

Yours sincerely



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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mark Parton MLA: To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

Ref: Minister's response to Question on Notice concerning resident numbers in social housing properties dated 12 December 2017.

1. Could the Minister update the content of her response dated 12 December 2017 in relation to the social housing resident population up to and including the 2018-19 Budget? A copy is attached for reference?

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

1) Public Housing ⁽¹⁾

		(a) 2012-13	(b) 2013-14	(c) 2014-15	(d) 2015-16	(e) 2016-17	(f) 2017-18
(i)	Total resident population (households) ⁽²⁾	11,577	10,724	10,611	10,587	10,640	10,621
(ii)	New residents (households)	628	608	553	591	591	523
(iii)	Transferred to Community Sector ⁽³⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iv)	No of households evicted	19	43	29	25	18	17
(v)	Transferred to private market ⁽⁴⁾	473	490	488	467	457	401
(vi)	Net change in resident population (households)	-246	-853	-113	-24	53	37

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1. QON answers should be **emailed** (Scanned signed PDF) to the Committee Support office at LACommitteeEstimates@parliament.act.gov.au within **5 working days of receipt of the Question on Notice**. Day 1 is the working day immediately after the working day the Question on Notice was received in the Ministers' office. **Example:** *If the QON was received on Monday, the answer should be submitted by close of business on the following Monday.*
2. Where an answer references sources of information in published documents, it should include the name of the document, the author and / or agency publishing the document, page number/s, and a URL for the document if available online.
3. *Numbers assigned by Committee Support office

2) Community Sector ⁽⁵⁾

		(a) 2012-13	(b) 2013-14	(c) 2014-15	(d) 2015-16	(e) 2016-17	(f) 2017-18
(i)	Total resident population (households)	542	530	574	634	774	-
(ii)	New residents (households)	162	168	234	212	276	-
(iii)	Transferred to Public Housing ⁽⁶⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iv)	No of residents evicted ⁽⁶⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
(v)	Transferred to private market ⁽⁶⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
(vi)	Net change in residents (households)		-12	44	60	140	

3) Consolidated

		(a) 2012-13	(b) 2013-14	(c) 2014-15	(d) 2015-16	(e) 2016-17	(f) 2017-18
(i)	Total resident population (households)	12,119	11,254	11,185	11,221	11,414	-
(ii)	New residents (households)	790	776	787	803	867	-
(iii)	Net Transfers ^{(3) & (6)}	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iv)	No of households evicted ⁽⁷⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
(v)	Transferred to private market ⁽⁷⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
(vi)	Net change in residents (households)		-865	-69	36	193	-

4) Number of Rent Paying Tenants

(a) 2012-13	(b) 2013-14	(c) 2014-15	(d) 2015-16	(e) 2016-17	(f) 2017-18
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Notes

The unit of measurement in these tables is households (number of residents was previously provided). This change was made to provide more accurate data for community housing as the person count may not reflect all residents at a point in time. The household counts provided in these tables has been quality checked and published in the Report on Government Services.

- (1) Only includes public housing tenancies and therefore excludes student accommodation, properties head leased to the community sector and other program properties.
- (2) Total households at 30 June each year
- (3) Data not available
- (4) Based on tenancy termination reasons such as purchase a home in the ACT or interstate, to rent privately or to relocated into a nursing home or aged care facility
- (5) Data is from the National Community Housing Data Collection for the seven major community housing organisations with ongoing arrangements with the ACT Government. Data is not yet available for 2017-18. The organisations include:
 - i) Havelock Housing Association
 - ii) Argyle Community Housing
 - iii) Capital Community Housing (ceased operations in 2018)

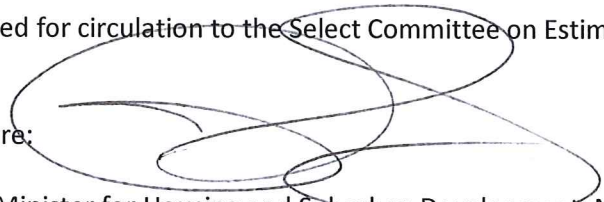
- iv) Environmental Collective Housing Organisation
- v) Tamil Senior Citizens
- vi) YWCA
- vii) Salvos Housing.

These are organisations that have received capital or recurrent subsidy from government for the purpose of providing community housing and excludes dwellings where the tenancies are managed under crisis accommodation, affordable rental, transitional housing, or other specific purpose tenancy managements such as mental health or drug and alcohol rehabilitation. The increase in community housing households in 2016-17 is due in part to the increase in the number of community housing providers participating in the national collection.

- (6) Data not available / not collected
- (7) Data is available for public housing tenants only
- (8) All tenants are required to pay rent. The amount of rent payable for each tenancy is the lower of the market rent or an amount equivalent to 25% of the assessable household income. The income of the tenant and all adult residents is taken into account when determining the amount of the assessable household income for determining the rent payable by the tenant with the difference between the market rent and the income based rent provided as a rebate of rent. Some sources of income are exempt, whilst others may be assessed at a rate less than 25%, such as Family Tax A, of which only 10% is included in the determination of household income. For further details refer to clause 25 of the Housing Assistance Public Rental Housing Assistance Program 2013(no.1) on the ACT Legislation Register.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2018-2019

Signature:



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