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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING
Mr Johnathan Davis MLA (Chair), Mr James Milligan MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

QoN No - 37

MARK PARTON MLA: To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

Ref: Budget Statement G, Page 49 Table 35 Accountability Indicators Output 1.1
Accountability indicator F shows that for FY20-21 the target for average cost per dwelling is \$19 264 due to increase in costs particularly repairs and maintenance costs and a lower number of properties.

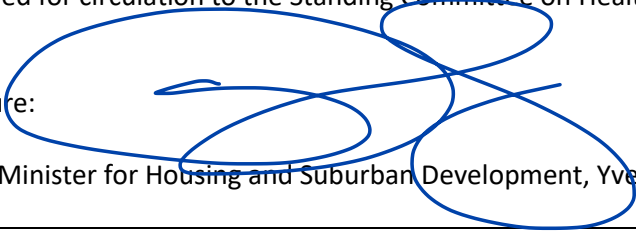
1. In relation to the cost per dwelling:
 - a. Why is the cost increasing if the number of properties is decreasing;
 - b. How is this average calculated;
 - c. In relation to the figure from b. can you please provide the breakdown of the cost items;
 - d. What was the total cost figure and the number of properties used in deriving the average of \$19,264?

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

- a. The average cost per dwelling has increased in 2021-22 in comparison to 2020-21 due to an increase in the budgeted expenditure of Housing ACT, in conjunction with the lower targeted number of social housing properties.
- b. The average cost per dwelling is calculated as the total expenditure of Housing ACT (less costs not directly associated with the provision of public housing including costs of grants to Community Housing, Specialist Homelessness Providers and other support agencies, costs associated with the Narrabundah Caravan Park and asset transfers to the Community Services Directorate) divided by the targeted number of social housing properties for the year.
- c. The breakdown of the cost items is outlined on page 53 of the Housing ACT Budget Statements.
- d. The total cost figure utilised in the calculation as outlined on page 53 of the Housing ACT Budget Statements is \$255.952 million. The number of social housing properties utilised in the calculation as outlined on page 49 of the Housing ACT Budget Statements is 11,570.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

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Date: 17/11/21

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