



STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING  
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**Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021**  
**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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

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In relation to: Current property figures

1. Can you provide an update on the current housing figures given the 30th of June 2021 there were 10,853 and in estimates you stated by the 30th of June 2022 there would be estimated 11,567;

As at 30 June 2021, there were 11,595 properties within the Territory's housing portfolio; the number referenced in the member's question is only the public housing component of this portfolio. The remaining 742 properties were part of the Housing Asset Assistance Program and other community service and affordable housing programs managed by community housing providers. As at 28 February 2022, there were 11,525 properties in the portfolio.

The Growing and Renewing Public Housing Program (the Program), unlike the previous Public Housing Renewal Program, is partly funded through capital appropriation and partly self-funded. The self-funded component relies on sourcing approximately 1,000 sites for redevelopment and sale from within the existing portfolio. As a result, an initial decrease in the total portfolio count is required, before it can rise; as properties must be demolished and sold before new properties can be delivered. Movement in overall stock count will be experienced over the course of the Program, with this fluctuation expected to take place until years five and six, once the renewal target has been met and portfolio growth is realised.

2. Will this figure be achieved by 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 given the current number;

Current projections/estimated outcomes provide for a 2021-22 closing portfolio count of 11,576 properties.

3. What has caused these delays;

Program and project delays incurred in the 2021-22 financial year are primarily attributed to the impacts of COVID-19 on the sector. Specifically, the lockdown period and subsequent restrictions, and nationwide material and labour shortages have resulted in extended construction programmes and delayed completions.

4. How many more properties will be demolished and sold in the next 4 months;

As the specific staging/programming of these activities is in direct response to development and funding requirements, the annual targets remain subject to change, to ensure assets are not disposed of prematurely and funding is available when required. The ACT Government remains committed to the overall targets of the program, which will see the disposal of 1,000 assets, 700 of which will be sold and a further 300 demolished, to make way for the construction of new properties.

5. How many properties will be constructed and how many purchases in the next 4 months;

As the specific staging/programming of these activities is subject to variable and unprecedented market conditions, the annual target remains subject to change. The ACT Government remains committed to the overall targets of the program, which will see the delivery of 1,400 new public housing properties. This comprises the renewal of the 1,000 properties programmed for disposal, as well as portfolio growth of at least 400 dwellings.

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

Signature:

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