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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay

Addressed to: Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

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MS CLAY: Thank you, Chair. Minister, I thought I would just start with some simple baselines and thank you for providing some great figures so far. Can you tell me how many public homes we had in November 2020?

Ms Valler: I can give you October.

MS CLAY: That will do. Yes, October '20. I will take it. Sure.

Ms Valler: 11,652.

MS CLAY: 11,652, that is great. How many do we have right now?

Ms Valler: 11,731.

MS CLAY: 11,731, great. So the ACT Housing Strategy, the five year snapshot said that the Growing and Renewing Public Housing Program built and bought over 720 homes and it refers to the target of 1,400 by 26-27 and according to the snapshot, there are currently 261 under construction, 87 in procurement, 66 in DA phase and 67 that will be purchased. If you add those numbers up to the total delivered and the total that will be delivered, it does not come to 1,400. It comes to 1,283. So we are just trying to work out where the 1,400 is in that snapshot report.

Ms Valler: I will have to take that on notice. There are quite a few numbers in there. I can say we know that the program is focused on selling 700 properties. We are on target to meet that. We know that we are demolishing 300 properties. We have demolished over 260 and we know we are on target for that.

We have constructed or purchased 790, so we know we are on target to meet the thousand. And of the 400 we have committed or delivered 296; we have a further 77 in contract and the remaining 28 will be delivered over the life of the program, hopefully in the next 12 months. So I can have a look at that snapshot and work out where that is for that.

MS CLAY: That would be great if you can take on notice the figures and the snapshot and bring it back on notice, that would be great. So the figures you gave of the 11,652 and the 11,731, that means we have got 79 more homes now than we had in October 2020?

Ms Valler: That is correct.

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

The Growing and Renewing Public Housing Program updates published in the ACT Housing Strategy 5-year snapshot refer to program-to-date (PTD) volumes as of March 2024. These do not add up to 1400 dwellings as the update did not include dwellings yet to enter the construction work-in-progress (WIP) schedule, or dwellings yet to enter acquisition contracts.

Instead, the ACT Housing Strategy 5-year snapshot included dwellings that had either been delivered (via construction or procurement); were in the construction WIP schedule (procurement, development application, or design); or were under acquisition contract, as part of the expression of interest mechanism, for future delivery.

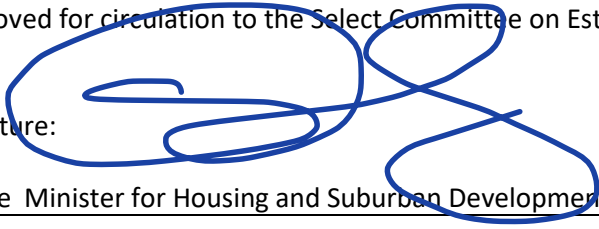
Below provides the latest program update, as at June 2024, for the 1400 dwelling delivery commitment.

As of June 2024 (PTD), there were:

- 790 dwellings delivered (614 via construction and 176 acquisitions);
- 242 dwellings under construction (construction WIP schedule);
- 58 dwellings under procurement (construction WIP schedule);
- 63 dwellings in the development application phase (construction WIP schedule);
- 119 dwellings in design (construction WIP schedule);
- 77 dwellings contracted for purchase for delivery in the next 24 months (acquisition program);
- 27 dwellings currently in negotiation soon to be contracted for purchase for future delivery (acquisition program); and
- 24 dwellings currently being evaluated to either enter the construction WIP schedule or enter the acquisition program.

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