



Inquiry into the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

Reference: City & Environment Directorate

Hearing: 19 May 2026

In relation to: **Public, community and affordable housing**

Question received: 29 May 2026

Answer Due: 9 June 2026

Noting your answer in hearings that ‘public housing in the ACT is different to how it used to be 50 years ago. We now have affordable rentals available and community housing,’ can you advise:

1. How many public homes there are now and how many there were five years ago?
2. How many income-based community homes there are now and how many there were five years ago?
3. How many affordable rentals there are now and how many were five years ago?
4. What is the lowest rent, the median rent and the highest rent that affordable rentals are charging?

Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

1. Table 1 contains available data for public, community and affordable housing stock in the ACT over the last five years. This information is available on the ACT Government website: <https://www.act.gov.au/open/number-of-public-community-and-affordable-properties-in-the-act>.
2. Community housing is managed in a range of ways including as social housing (based on tenant income) or affordable rental housing (based on market rent). Due to the variety and structures of community and affordable rental housing programs, the number of income-based community homes and affordable rentals is not readily available and would take an unreasonable diversion of resources to compile.

The National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH) does not capture data about the income levels of community housing occupants. The purpose of the national regulatory system data collection is to determine the total of housing properties, at a jurisdiction and national level owned and managed by registered Community Housing Providers to determine the scale and scope of provider operations.

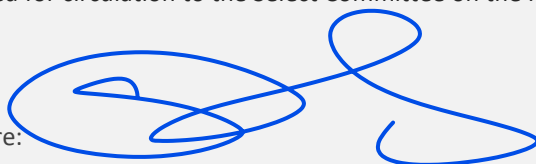
3. Refer to the answer provided to question 2.
4. Some program specific data is available, such as rents for active properties participating in the Affordable Community Housing Land Tax Exemption Scheme:
 - \$125 per week is the lowest rent of active properties participating in the Affordable Community Housing Land Tax Exemption Scheme as at 3 June 2026.
 - \$434 per week is the median rent for active properties participating in the Affordable Community Housing Land Tax Exemption Scheme as at 3 June 2026.
 - \$734 per week is the highest rent of active properties participating in the Affordable Community Housing Land Tax Exemption Scheme as at 3 June 2026.

Table 1 – Number of properties in the ACT

Housing type	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Public Housing Properties	10,853	10,723	10,795	10,910	11,078
Community Housing Managed Properties (Housing ACT owned)	742	798	817	821	795
Community Housing Managed Properties (non-Housing ACT owned)	833	901	988	1,147	1,181
Affordable Rental Office dwellings	67	69	70	69	70
Totals	12,495	12,497	12,670	12,947	13,124

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Signature:



Date:

By the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs, Yvette Berry MLA