



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Housing and Homelessness

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In relation to: Public Housing

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Answer Due: 15 August 2026

Minister

1. What are the criteria used to determine whether to keep or sell Housing ACT properties?
2. When will construction commence of the new Housing ACT properties at Yarralumla section 59 block 3, noting that the Development Application was approved on 1 November 2024?
 - a. When are these new dwellings expected to be available for occupation?

Thank you.

Ms Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Housing ACT consider a range of factors when determining whether a property is retained or sold, including the condition and remaining life of the asset, compliance and risk considerations, lifecycle costs and value for money, suitability for tenant needs, and the property's role within the broader portfolio.

Consideration is also given to potential for a property to be adapted, redeveloped or otherwise better utilised in the future, as well as the existing level of public housing within the surrounding area to support an appropriate geographic distribution of housing across the Territory.

2. Demolition of the existing dwellings on the Yarralumla site is underway and is scheduled for completion by the end of August 2026. Construction of the new dwellings will commence thereafter.
 - a. Construction completion is currently forecast for December 2027.

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Signature:

Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Ms Suzanne Orr MLA

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