



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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Inquiry into Auditor-General's Report 4 of 2020: Residential Land Supply and Release
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
27 April 2022

Asked by Mr Michael Pettersson MLA on 27 April 2022: Mr Adam Poulter took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: Wow, that is very interesting. And so, just final question with that, what do you think would be the most sufficient percentage of land release for the community housing, have you done the maths with that or?

Mr Poulter: We have not—it is essentially more than 1 per cent, I mean, if you look at other jurisdictions in Australia, there are some where you would be looking at more like 5 per cent of the housing stock is provided by community housing providers. We think at least that number would be a good interim target to set and go after.

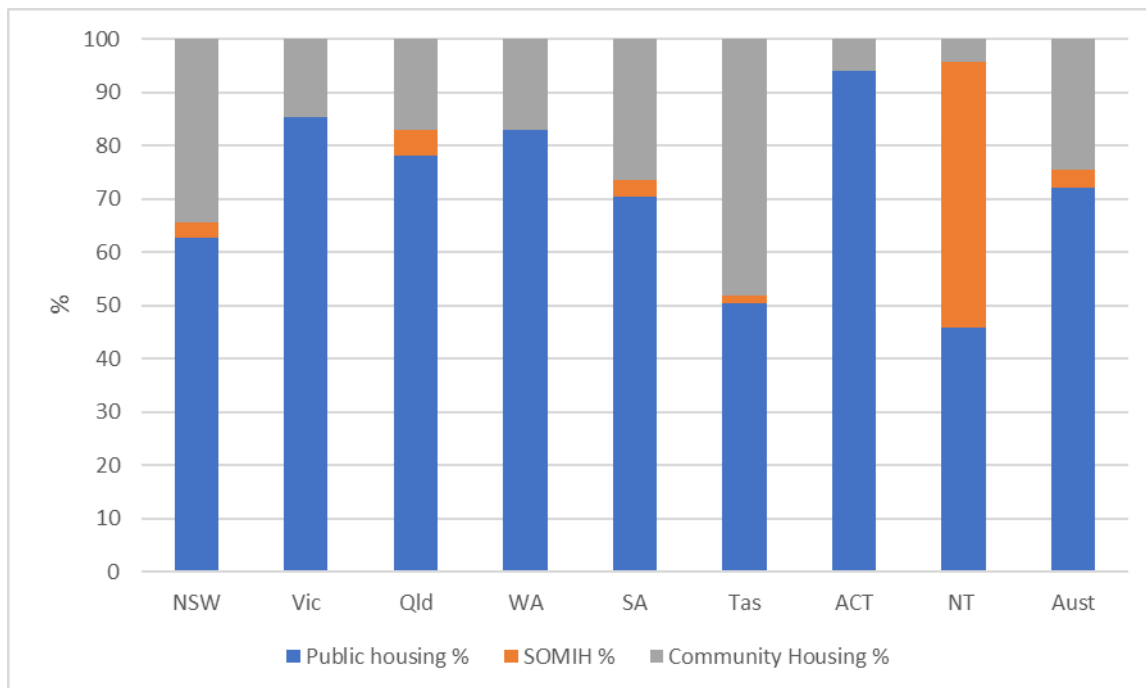
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MR PETERSSON: Quick supplementary before substantive. What jurisdiction has the 5 per cent release of affordable housing, or community housing?

Mr Poulter: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Based on our own analysis of housing data from the Productivity Commission's 2022 Report on Government Services, we found that community housing made up only 6.0% of total social housing dwellings in the ACT as at 30 June 2021 – there were 690 community housing dwellings (6%) and 10,859 public housing dwellings (94%) making up the total ACT social housing stock of 11,549 dwellings. In all other jurisdictions except the Northern Territory (4.4%), community housing makes up a significantly higher proportion of total social housing dwellings (i.e., public housing, state owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH), and community housing), as follows: NSW (34.3%), Vic (14.6%), Qld (17.1%), WA (17.2%), SA (26.6%), and Tas (48.1%). Nationally, community housing makes up 24.5% of the total social housing stock. The table below presents the results of our analysis:

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2021										
Public housing	no.	96 728	63 921	52 195	31 919	31 938	7 031	10 859	4 929	299 520
SOMIH	no.	4 531	0	3 216	0	1 365	221	0	5 381	14 714
Community housing	no.	52 963	10 905	11 422	6 638	12 067	6 717	690	478	101 880
Total		154 222	74 826	66 833	38 557	45 370	13 969	11 549	10 788	416 114
Public housing	%	62.7	85.4	78.1	82.8	70.4	50.3	94.0	45.7	72.0
SOMIH	%	2.9	0.0	4.8	0.0	3.0	1.6	0.0	49.9	3.5
Community Housing	%	34.3	14.6	17.1	17.2	26.6	48.1	6.0	4.4	24.5



Source: Productivity Commission, [Report on Government Services 2022](#), G Housing and Homelessness, 18 Housing, Table 18A.3 Descriptive data - number of social housing dwellings, at 30 June, Productivity Commission, 2022, accessed 6 May 2022.

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By the Acting Chief Executive Officer, ACT Council of Social Service, Mr Adam Poulter