



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

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Housing and Homelessness

In relation to: Oaks Estate and Hard to let properties

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MR EMERSON: I am not sure if you have got the data, but around vacancies in those public housing dwellings, perhaps you could provide of the public housing in Oaks Estate, how much is considered hard to let and how many are currently vacant, what proportion that is?

Ms Shields: So the majority of stock in Oaks Estate is head leased. It is a very small proportion that is public housing. I will see if we can find out the vacancies within those properties.

MR EMERSON: Okay. That would be great. The head lease is St Vinnies as well, or

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Ms Shields: I would have to double check. I think that is the case.

MR EMERSON: It might be a mix, so you might have Everyman in there or something. Okay, thank you.

MR BRADDOCK: I hand my substantive to Ms Vassarotti.

THE CHAIR: Sorry, you had a supp and then going to—

MR EMERSON: But you are taking a notice how many are considered hard to let as well as part of that? Classified as hard to let? Okay, thank you.

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

There are 77 Housing ACT-owned assets in Oaks Estate, of which 75 are occupied as at 5 August 2026.

Housing ACT manages 8 tenancies, with St Vincent de Paul managing the balance of 67.

At 5 August 2026, there were 2 vacant properties in Oaks Estate. Both have been vacant for less than 3 months and are not currently considered 'difficult to let'.

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Signature:

Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Ms Suzanne Orr MLA

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