



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

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Rebecca Vassarotti MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Housing and Homelessness

In relation to: Oaks Estate and Conditional reports and tenancy lengths

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MS VASSAROTTI: Yes, yes, it was one question. I wanted to know, in terms of—I know that is long-term work, but do you have condition reports for these properties? Now, obviously, I have had lots of representations from tenants around the condition of their properties and challenges around getting repairs and maintenance and note that that was another action within the action plan. And so I really wanted to know in terms of the information that Housing has currently around the property, the property condition and particularly also around the fact that it is predominantly traditional housing. As part of that information collection, it would be good to know how many tenants have actually been in Oaks Estate for more than 12 months.

Ms Yates: I do not have to hand how many of the properties out there were captured under the last property condition audits that were undertaken, so I can take that on notice. And similarly, around the question Mr Emerson asked around the number that are vacant, we can have a look at how long they have been vacant. I am not sure if we will be able to provide the information around how long people have been out there. It will just depend on whether or not they are managed by Housing or if they are managed under the head lease. But I will certainly explore what we are able to provide.

MS VASSAROTTI: Okay, thank you.

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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.

Of the 77 dwellings, Property Condition Assessments (PCA) were undertaken in 40 during the last PCA program (undertaken in 2023-24). The remaining 37 could not be assessed for a range of reasons, including refused access, broken appointments, and/or difficulty contacting tenants. Previous PCAs had been completed for these dwellings in 2016-17 (2 dwellings), 2017-18 (30 dwellings) and 2021-22 (5 dwellings).

At 5 August 2026, there were 2 vacant properties in Oaks Estate. Both have been vacant for less than 3 months.

Housing ACT manages 8 tenancies, which have all been in place for more than 12 months. Housing ACT does not have access to tenancy or occupancy data for the 67 dwellings managed by St Vincent de Paul.

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Signature:

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