



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA on 15 November 2023: Mr Naughton took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Completion of 400 dwellings allocated since 2017-18

MS CLAY: On this line, Minister, in 2017 and 2018 land that allowed construction of around 400 dwellings was allocated to Housing ACT. Are you able to tell me how many of those dwellings have been constructed on that land since 2017-18?

Ms Berry: We might have some of that detail available. I will hand over to Mr Naughton.

Mr Naughton: Certainly. Thank you very much for the question. The 400 PAGA committed dwellings—

MS CLAY: No, no, no. This is since 2017-18, so that is before the PAGA. I understand that land for the construction of 400 dwellings was allocated in 2017-18 and I am trying to find out how many of those houses have been constructed.

Mr Naughton: I will take that question on notice. We have a number that have been constructed, with keys handed to tenants, and a number that are under construction and are not technically complete yet, so we can provide you with a detailed breakdown of those two subsets.

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

Since 2017-18, published public housing targets as part of the annual land release program total 547 dwellings.

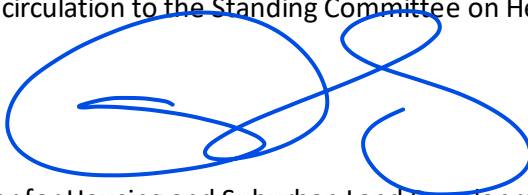
Of these dwellings, 111 have been delivered, 96 are currently under construction and a further 14 are in the development pipeline. The balance of these sites/dwellings is yet to be transferred to Housing ACT.

This variance is largely resultant of the lag between 'land release' and sites actually being development ready. Often there can be delay of multiple years from the point at which land is released to the market and when it is ready for settlement and construction.

Additionally, a portion of the target noted above are located within larger, mixed-tenure multi-unit developments. These dwellings will be delivered via a Project Delivery Deed between the Suburban Land Agency, Housing ACT and the Developer. Several of these sites have already been purchased by Developers and are currently under construction, with public housing dwellings to be transferred back to the Territory upon completion.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

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Date: 28/11/23

By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Land Development, Ms Yvette Berry MLA