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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Dr Marisa Paterson MLA on 2 September 2022: Ms Yvette Berry MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Affordable Housing Demographics Breakdown

DR PATERSON: Thank you. Are you able to detail what the priorities are, perhaps in size, in the Affordable Housing options?

Mr Dietz: Yes, definitely can. I will hand to Nick Holt, if he could provide some of that detail. A lot of it is around what, in a policy setting, we are required to deliver, on the number of bedrooms et cetera.

Mr Holt: I have read and understood the privileges statement. Thank you, John. To add some more detail to what John was saying, yes, we have had a successful year over the last 12 months with a lot of land released and exceeding our targets, especially in the Affordable area. As to the types of Affordable product that we are delivering, we do monitor that through the registration of our database. We collect information on what people's preferences are. It is not surprising that most people would like a three-bedroom and larger dwelling. Under the price thresholds, they obviously represent probably a better value-for-money offering than some of the smaller dwellings, which are also probably more available on the open market as well.

We do have a lot of data, which I could probably provide on notice, which gives a breakdown of type, age demographics and those sorts of things, which is probably better to take on notice rather than read out.

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

The Suburban Land Agency (SLA) collects demographic information to better understand the types of buyers who are interested in the Affordable Home Purchase Scheme (AHPS). The SLA also collects buyer preferences regarding property type and location and considers these when determining what requirements to include when releasing land for sale with affordable housing. All buyers who have signed up to the AHPS receive information about all opportunities to purchase, regardless of their demographic information or preferences.

The following tables provide key demographics of buyers who have expressed interest in the Scheme, including reported household income, age, and desired household type.

Table 1: Age breakdown of interested AHPS applicants

Age	Number of applicants (primary applicant)
18-25	1197
26-35	1897
36-45	914
46-55	237
56-65	128
65+	17
Total	4390

Table 2: Property configuration preferences of interested AHPS applicants

Bedroom No.	Number of applicants
1 Bedroom	289
1 Bedroom plus study	92
2 Bedrooms	1519
3 Bedrooms	2698
More than 3 Bedrooms	55
Total	4653

Table 3: Dwelling type preferences of interested AHPS applicants

Property Type	Count
Apartment/Unit	383
Any Multi Unit	77
Townhouse	1005
House	2485
Townhouse or House	353
Any Housing Type	470
Total	4773

Table 4: Household income breakdown of interested AHPS applicants

Income	Number of applicants
\$0-\$39,999	133
\$40,000-\$64,999	341
\$65,000-\$84,999	521
\$85,000-\$99,999	306
\$100,000-\$129,999	140
\$130,000+	46
Total	1487

Table 5: Household makeup of interested AHPS applicants

Dependents in Household	Number of applicants
0	3544
1	995
2	750
3	248
4	3
4+	96
Total	5636

Over time, different types of information have been sought from people when they sign up to the AHPS – this means more information is available from people who have signed up more recently, and the totals in the tables may not be the same depending on the type of information.

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