



Inquiry into the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Ed Cocks MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

In relation to: Rents paid for public housing as a proportion of market rent

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MR COCKS: That means, roughly, that nine per cent are paying full market rent. Is that right?

Ms Shields: Correct.

MR COCKS: Is there a stratification of the types of amounts that people are contributing? Do you have any data that you can share around—

Ms Shields: I would have to take that on notice in terms of the specific data. Again, it will vary depending on the location, the size of the property and all of those influencing factors on rent.

MR COCKS: I understand.

Ms Shields: So we might not be able to give you the exact breakdown for that nine per cent. But I will see what we can give you in terms of perhaps a range—

MR COCKS: So the nine per cent are paying full market rent. Is there any sort of stratification of how many are paying almost nothing and how many are paying 90 per cent of market rent? Do you have that sort of data?

Ms Shields: I will have to check if we can break it down to that extent.

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

The amounts being paid by Housing ACT tenants in rent are not stratified, as they are determined by the income of the tenants and residents in each dwelling.

Any rental rebate received by tenants and residents may vary across the duration of a tenancy agreement, if the income of the tenants and residents changes. This will then determine the amount of rent to be paid.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

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