

Yvette Berry MLA

Deputy Chief Minister

Minister for Education and Early Childhood

Minister for Homes and New Suburbs

Minister for Sport and Recreation

Member for Ginninderra

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 1****Friday, 6 December 2024****Question No. 123****MR RATTENBURY MLA:** To ask the Minister for Homes and New Suburbs

1. What are the official definitions, including with respect to price/rent-setting methodology, used to classify

- (a) community housing,
- (b) affordable housing for
 - (i) renters and
 - (ii) purchasers and
- (c) public housing.

2. What are the number of dwellings for the housing sub-types (based on definitions in part (1)) of

- (a) public housing,
- (b) community housing that is
 - (i) provided by an Aboriginal Community Controlled Housing Provider and
 - (ii) not provided by an Aboriginal Community Controlled Housing Provider and
- (c) affordable housing (rental).

3. What are the number of dwellings **occupied**, for the housing sub-types (based on definitions in part (1)) for

- (a) public housing,



- (b) community housing that is
 - (i) provided by an Aboriginal Community Controlled Housing Provider and
 - (ii) not provided by an Aboriginal Community Controlled Housing Provider and
- (c) affordable housing (rental).

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

1. (a) For the purposes of national reporting, to which the ACT contributes annual data, the definition of **community housing** used by the [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#) is:

[R]ental housing provided for low to moderate income or special needs households, managed by community-based organisations that have received capital or recurrent subsidy from government.

(b) For the purposes of national reporting, to which the ACT contributes annual data, the definition of **affordable housing** used by the [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#) is:

[H]ousing that is appropriate for the needs of low to moderate income households, priced so that alongside the costs of housing, people are able meet their basic living costs, such as paying for food, heating, and medical care.

Information is not available for the definition of renters and purchasers.

(c) For the purposes of national reporting, to which the ACT contributes annual data, the definition of **public housing** used by the [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#) is:

Rental housing managed by all state and territory housing authorities. This includes dwellings that are owned by the housing authority or leased from the private sector or other housing program areas and used to provide public rental housing or leased to public housing tenants.

2. The following data are data ACT has supplied for the forthcoming *Report on Government Services 2025* (to be released by the Productivity Commission on 30 January 2025). Note: Community housing data is subject to data quality limitations due to not all community housing providers submitting data to the ACT Government.

(a) At 30 June 2024, there were 10,952 public housing dwellings in the ACT.

(b) At 30 June 2024, there were 1,273 community housing dwellings, of which:

- (i) 0 were provided by Aboriginal Community Controlled Housing Providers, and
- (ii) 1,273 were not provided by Aboriginal Community Controlled Housing Providers.

(c) At 30 June 2024, there were 9,347 **households** paying less than market rent for public housing. Note, this data is for number of households, not number of dwellings. Data on number of dwellings not available within time available to complete this request.

3. The following data are data ACT has supplied to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for annual reporting. Data is not currently published. Note: Community housing data is subject to data quality limitations due to not all community housing providers submitting data to the ACT Government.

(a) At 30 June 2024, there were 10,314 occupied public housing dwellings.

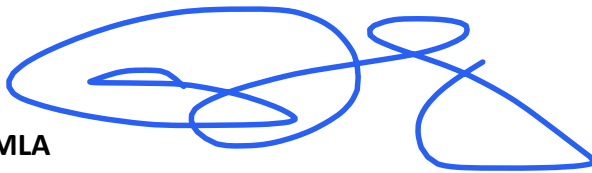
(b) At 30 June 2024, there were 1,175 occupied community housing dwellings, of which:

(i) 0 were provided by Aboriginal Community Controlled Housing Providers, and

(ii) 1,175 were not provided by Aboriginal Community Controlled Housing Provider.

(c) Data not available.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Yvette Berry MLA
Minister for Homes and New Suburbs

Date: 04/02/25

This response required 5 hrs 40 mins to complete, at an approximate cost of \$444.50.