

## Response to question on notice

### Questions on Notice Paper No 8

27 June 2025

### Question No. 525

**Jo Clay MLA:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

Redirected to Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

1. What is the process for a community housing provider to get their project considered as a Territory Priority Project.
2. Have any community housing developments been listed as a Territory Priority Project.
3. What community housing developments is the ACT Government currently considering to be made a Territory Priority Project.
4. How many community housing dwellings on Block 45 Section 54 Belconnen does the ACT Government intend to be public or community housing given that, during debate on the Margaret Timpson Park motion on 15 May 2025, the Minister for Homes and New Suburbs said in response to amendments that called for a minimum of 15 percent public or community housing on the site that “My expectation is that it will be much more than that” and the Government response to the motion states that the site “will be considered for a targeted release to the community housing sector to help provide much needed affordable housing”.
5. Will the ACT Government commit to developing the whole site referred to in part (4) as community housing.
6. Is the ACT Government considering making all 60 dwellings referred to in part (4) community housing.

**YVETTE BERRY MLA** - The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

1. **What is the process for a community housing provider to get their project considered as a Territory Priority Project.**

The Chief Minister and Minister for Planning can jointly declare that a project is a Territory Priority Project (TPP)

The first step for any proponent to have a project declared a TPP is for the proponent to submit a TPP declaration request to the Minister for Planning. This request should include:

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- proponent and lessee contact details (and a letter of authorisation from the lessee for the proponent to act on their behalf, if the proponent is not the lessee);
- location details;
- a description of the proposal;
- indicative site plans (if available); and
- a statement of claims against the TPP criteria under section 218 of the *Planning Act 2023* (the Act).

The Minister for Planning will consider the request, based on advice from the Territory Planning Authority. If the Minister for Planning is satisfied that a TPP declaration for the project has merits and meets the criteria of the Act, a proposed TPP declaration is subject to 15 working days of community consultation.

The Minister for Planning and Chief Minister will make a final decision on the TPP declaration request based on the community consultation received and further advice from the Territory Planning Authority.

A TPP declaration will be presented to the Legislative Assembly where, within 2 sitting days, the Assembly may, by resolution, approve or refuse the declaration. If approved by the Assembly or no action is taken in the 2 sitting days, the TPP declaration commences.

Further information about TPPs and the declaration process is also available on the [ACT Planning website](#).

**2. Have any community housing developments been listed as a Territory Priority Project.**

No.

**3. What community housing developments is the ACT Government currently considering to be made a Territory Priority Project.**

No TPP declaration requests are currently being considered for community housing developments.

**4. How many community housing dwellings on Block 45 Section 54 Belconnen does the ACT Government intend to be public or community housing given that, during debate on the Margaret Timpson Park motion on 15 May 2025, the Minister for Homes and New Suburbs said in response to amendments that called for a minimum of 15 percent public or community housing on the site that “My expectation is that it will be much more than that” and the Government response to the motion states that the site “will be considered for a targeted release to the community housing sector to help provide much needed affordable housing”.**

The ACT Government intends to release Block 45 Section 54 Belconnen via an Expression of Interest process open to registered community housing providers in 2025-26. Planning settings for the site currently accommodate approximately 60 dwellings.

**5. Will the ACT Government commit to developing the whole site referred to in part (4) as community housing.**

The whole site is intended to be released to a registered Community Housing Provider to deliver approximately 60 community housing dwellings. The exact dwelling mix between social, affordable and market dwellings is yet to be determined. Development on the site will also contribute to the activation of Margaret Timpson Park.

6. Is the ACT Government considering making all 60 dwellings referred to in part (4) community housing.

Yes.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

  
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Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

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