

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 637

Mr Peter Cain MLA: To ask the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

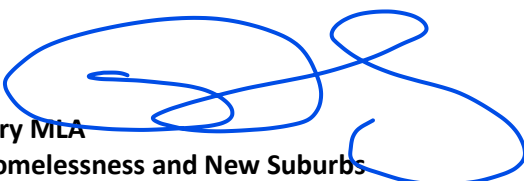
1. Why has the public housing property at 90 Pennefather Street, Higgins, remained vacant for over 12 months?
2. When will the property referred to in part (1) be made available for occupancy?

Ms YVETTE BERRY MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Due to protected information conditions set out in the *Privacy Act 1988*, I cannot confirm, identify or share specifics about social housing properties. However, I can share with you the general practice for the management of vacant properties in response to your questions.

As standard practice, upon vacancy, properties are inspected and scoped by our Total Facilities Manager. Properties can be vacant for different periods to allow for assessment and maintenance activities, including initial clean up works. For older properties, this can be an opportunity for more major works and refurbishment such as upgrades of kitchens and bathrooms, repainting, carpeting, installation of energy efficiency measures such as ceiling insulation. Time is also taken to consider the best use of the property against the property condition, current demand for housing from applicants and service providers as well as redevelopment or sale when considering the public housing portfolio holdings.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.


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Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

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