

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Questions on Notice Paper No 8
Friday, 27 June 2025
Question No. 509

MR CAIN: To ask the Minister for Homes and New Suburbs —

1. Has a post-lease inspection been conducted at 1 Treharne Place, Melba?
2. Why does the property remain vacant at this time?
3. How much longer is the property expected to remain unoccupied?
4. What is the current average wait time for public housing in the West Belconnen region?
5. Is the rubbish currently on the property scheduled for removal?
6. Will any maintenance or refurbishment works be undertaken on the property prior to it being made available?
7. Are there any plans to sell or redevelop the site?

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 vacant properties in response to your questions.

1. As standard practice, upon vacancy, properties are inspected and scoped by our Total Facility Manager.
2. Properties can be vacant for different periods to allow for assessment and maintenance activities. 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.

3. Depending on the extent of works required, vacant properties undergoing upgrades generally return for allocation within 3 months of scoping.
4. The non-standard data required to fully respond to this question could not be provided within the given timeframe. Longer timeframes are required for reporting data not already contained in an established report as this requires additional methodology design, quality assurance and appropriate clearance for use by the Data Custodian, particularly when unpublished operational data is the underlying data source.
5. As part of the standard inspection and scoping process, initial clean up works are raised separated to upgrades and repairs to ensure they are actioned efficiently.
6. Most vacant properties undergo a level of maintenance and refurbishment works during vacancy.
7. All vacant properties are assessed for future asset intention against multi-asset criteria and demand.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.


Yvette Berry MLA
Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

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