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Member for Ginninderra

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE Questions on Notice Paper No 1 Friday, 6 December 2024 Question No. 61

MR RATTENBURY MLA: To ask the Minister for Homes and New Suburbs

- 1. What are the standards and criteria currently used to assess the condition of public housing assets in the ACT.
- 2. How many of the ACT's public homes
 - (a) are currently fully electrified,
 - (b) have had a condition assessment within the past four years,
 - (c) have been assessed and meet acceptable standards for healthy homes and
 - (d) are currently deemed untenantable.
- 3. For those ACT public homes deemed untenantable, can the Minister provide a breakdown of primary reasons why.
- 4. How many of the ACT's public homes are currently vacant as they are being modified or redeveloped to meet standards.

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

1. All public housing lettable properties need to meet the requirements outlined in the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997.*

A Property Condition Assessment (PCA) is used to assess individual components of a property. Each component is given a condition rating between 1 to 5; 1 being 'New/Very Good' and 5 being 'End of Life'.

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- a) As of 30 November 2024, approximately 9,100 public housing properties are fully electrified, with over 800 electrification upgrades completed under the Home Energy Support Program since April 2023.
- b) Over 9,400 public housing properties have received a Property Condition Assessment (PCA) in the last four (4) years. This included over 8,850 completed as part of the accelerated PCA program in 2023-24.
- c) All public housing lettable properties meet the requirements outlined in *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*.
- d) Untenantable dwellings are vacant properties which require repairs, upgrades and major works, including insurance rectification, to return them to a lettable standard. Below is the breakdown of vacant properties including those that are currently untenantable, under 'maintenance or upgrade,' as of 30 September:

Vacant properties	Number	Percentage
Available for allocation	91	17.0%
Under planning/assessment	58	10.8%
For sale/redevelopment	71	13.2%
Final stage development	1	0.2%
Maintenance or Upgrade	315	58.8%
Total	536	100%

- 3. Referenced under 2(d).
- 4. Referenced under 2(d).

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

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Date:

Minister for Homes and New Suburbs

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