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PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST

632. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the wait turn and priority public housing waitlist.

- (1) How many applicants and individuals were on each list at the end of May 2023?
- (2) How many in (1) receive the disability support payment?
- (3) On what date did the applicant who has been waiting the longest on each waitlist initially join the waitlist?
- (4) Will the minister commit to recommencing publication of a housing dashboard of key public housing statistics like these on a monthly basis, as is done in other Australian jurisdictions, so that non-government members of Parliament do not have to use up questions during question time?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Housing.

- (1) As at 31 May 2023, the number of applications on the public housing waitlist fell to 19 081 statewide, representing 33 987 people. This included 4 717 priority applications representing 9 310 people.
- (2) As advised in the response to Legislative Council question on notice 1329, data recorded on applications containing a disability support payment is unable to be provided to this level of specificity as not all people on an application may be in receipt of the payment, and data is recorded on a tenancy level.
- (3) Please refer to the response provided to Legislative Council question on notice 1312.
- (4) As the member has been advised, waitlist data is regularly made publicly available.