

PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST

**1071. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the public housing waitlist.

- (1) Is it correct that applicants will be removed from the housing waitlist if they do not renew their application after a specific period; and, if yes, what is this period?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many applicants on the waitlist were removed for this reason in the past 12 months?
- (3) How many applicants on the waitlist were housed in social housing in the past 12 months?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Department of Communities proactively undertakes an annual review of public housing applications to ensure that the waitlist remains up to date and able to meet the needs of applicants who still require social housing, and that the housing is allocated in a way that best meets applicants' needs. The Department of Communities makes multiple attempts to establish contact with individuals who have not responded, including through nominated family members or their next of kin. There are options available to applicants in instances where their applications have been withdrawn due to no contact. Applicants may be reinstated and retain their original listing date, so they are not disadvantaged.
- (2) The data requested would require a manual review of individual files. Given the level of agency resourcing required to provide this detailed information, it is not considered to be a reasonable use of government resources.
- (3) As at 30 September 2022, the Department of Communities had housed 2 136 applicants from the public housing waiting list in the past 12 months, including 1 470 priority applicants. Information for applicants housed in community housing is unavailable, as these properties are managed by external organisations.