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PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST

798. 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 June and July 2023, respectively?
- (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 public housing dashboard of key public housing statistics like these on a monthly basis, without the need for non-government MPs like me to ask questions like these in question time?

The PRESIDENT: I did not quite hear the end of that question.

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

- (1) As at 30 June 2023, there were 19 062 applications on the public housing waitlist statewide, representing 33 986 people. This includes 4 770 priority applications, representing 9 423 people. As at 31 July 2023, the public waitlist fell to 18 984 applications statewide, representing 33 943 people. This includes 4 768 priority applications, representing 9 447 people.
- (2) As advised in the response to Legislative Council question without notice 632, 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 a disability support payment and data is recorded on a tenancy level.
- (3) The data is unable to be provided within the period specified. The member may wish to put this question on notice.
- (4) As the member has previously been advised, waitlist data is regularly made publicly available.