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## PUBLIC HOUSING — NUMBER

1049. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government:

Please provide the following details for the years 2011–2021 or if only available from 2018:

- (a) please indicate inclusion or exclusion of public housing properties managed by community housing providers, regional service providers and under remote area management agreements;
- (b) the number of public housing tenancies managed by the Housing Authority.; and
- (c) the number of public housing tenancies with a tenant (or household members) who have disclosed Aboriginal or Torres Straight Islander status to the Housing Authority on application or rent review forms?

## Hon Sue Ellery replied:

(a) Refer to Tables below.

Financial Year	Public Housing/Other use
30 June 2012	36,749
30 June 2013	36,714
30 June 2014	36,680
30 June 2015	36,644
30 June 2016	36,403
30 June 2017	36,963
30 June 2018	36,587
30 June 2019	36,297
30 June 2020	35,613
30 June 2021	35,279
30 June 2022	35,694

Financial Year	Community Housing
30 June 2018	7,276
30 June 2019	7,318
30 June 2020	7,319
30 June 2021	7,382
30 June 2022	7,421

The Department of Communities former tenancy records were not migrated following system changes in 2017–18 and therefore accurate data for community housing tenancies prior to this is unavailable.

(b)—(c) It is important to note that when applying, the ATSI field is not a mandatory option for tenants to indicate as to whether they identify as ATSI. Applicants for public housing in WA are not required to identify their ethnicity when applying for housing assistance.

Historically, reportable data before system changes in 2017–18 were recorded at a tenancy and application level, if at all, with a low confidence level. Subsequently, comparative data prior to June 2018 is not available.

Public Housing State-wide Tenancies				
Report Date	<b>Total Tenancies</b>	Tenancies where at least one householder has identified as ATSI		
As at 30 June 2018	31,944	6,963		
As at 30 June 2019	31,366	7,104		

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As at 30 June 2020	31,261	7,442
As at 30 June 2021	30,528	7,402
As at 30 June 2022	30 923	7 952

The above data does not include 'other use' properties, which includes externally managed properties and tenancies, leasing residential properties and asset transfers.