

PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST

1428. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the public housing wait list and priority housing wait list respectively, and I ask:

- (a) how many applicants and individuals were on each list on 31 March 2023;
- (b) for the 12 month period ending April 2023, what was the average wait time for each list broken down by region and applicant type; and
- (c) will the Minister commit to re-commencing publication of a housing dashboard of key public housing statistics like these on a monthly basis, without the need for non-government MP's to use up questions during question time, as is done in other Australian jurisdictions?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

- (a) As at 31 March 2023, there were 19,081 applications on the public housing wait list state-wide, representing 34,106 people. This includes 4,613 priority applications representing 9,234 people.

- (b) The table below provides the average wait time for each region.

The Department of Communities does not record waitlist data by applicant type.

Public Housing State-Wide Wait Time and Occupations — as at 30 April 2023				
Region	Wait Turn & Priority		Priority Only	
	Number of Occupations	Average in Weeks	Number of Occupations	Average in Weeks
1 North Metro	842	134	610	74
2 South Metro	510	140	328	78
3 East Metro	445	115	351	63
4 Great Southern	72	97	60	57
5 Southwest	131	140	73	50
6 Goldfields	79	109	55	56
7 Midwest/Gascoyne	97	124	64	60
8 Pilbara	152	131	100	94
A West Kimberley	69	217	29	99
B Wheatbelt	58	80	22	55
C East Kimberley	39	128	17	107
Statewide Total	2,494	131	1,709	71

- (c) Waitlist data is regularly made publicly available.