

PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST — DISABILITY SUPPORT PENSION

1328. Hon Steve Martin to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) For each month of the following years, how many applications on the public housing waitlist included one or more individuals receiving the disability support payment:
 - (a) 2021;
 - (b) 2022; and
 - (c) 2023 (to date)?
- (2) For those in (1), how many individuals does this represent?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

- (1)–(2) Applications containing a disability support payment indicates that at least one person on the application receives this payment. This does not necessarily indicate that all people on the application are in receipt of the payment.

The Department of Communities provides multiple pathways, including public rental housing, to those unable to obtain adequate and appropriate housing through the private sector. It should be noted that most applicants have a roof over their head while they wait to be housed.

A tight private rental market will reflect an increase in the number of applications for social housing. Many people who may be otherwise housed, may seek the safety net of public housing when there is significant pressure in the private rental market. Rental vacancy rates have tightened across the country during the COVID-19 pandemic, significantly impacting the housing market. The State Government continues to accelerate social housing delivery through a diverse range of reforms including the modular build, timber frame, and spot purchasing programs.

As at 28 February 2023, there were 3,975 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,706 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 January 2023, there were 3,984 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,744 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 December 2022, there were 3,948 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,688 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 30 November 2022, there were 3,952 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,663 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 October 2022, there were 3,925 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,639 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 30 September 2022, there were 3,914 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,614 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 August 2022, there were 3,894 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,592 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 July 2022, there were 3,892 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,594 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 30 June 2022, there were 3,855 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,522 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 May 2022, there were 3,816 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,445 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 30 April 2022, there were 3,734 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,311 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 March 2022, there were 3,701 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,260 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 28 February 2022, there were 3,677 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,230 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 January 2022, there were 3,618 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,125 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 December 2021, there were 3,585 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 5,060 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 30 November 2021, there were 3,538 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 4,989 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 October 2021, there were 3,455 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 4,874 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As of September 30th, 2021, there were 3,415 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 4,827 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As of August 31st, 2021, there were 3,352 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 4,746 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As of July 31st, 2021, there were 3,313 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 4,643 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As of June 30th, 2021, there were 3,293 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 4,614 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As of May 31st, 2021, there were 3,240 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 4,536 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As of April 30th, 2021, there were 3,199 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 4,474 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As of March 31st, 2021, there were 3,151 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 4,397 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As of February 28th, 2021, there were 3,110 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 4,339 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As of January 31st, 2021, there were 3,045 applications on the wait-turn waitlist, representing 4,235 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.