

HOUSING OPTIONS ASSESSMENT

1661. Hon Steve Martin to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the Housing Options Assessment form, and I ask:

- (a) for each month of the 2023 calendar year so far, (January to August), how many forms were submitted to the Department in total;
- (b) for (a), by month how many persons listed as part of the household did these did forms represent; and
- (c) for each month of the 2023 calendar year so far, (January to August), how many forms were submitted to the Department which ticked the following boxes (including all “yes” boxes where applicants were presented with “yes” or “no” choices):
 - (i) “Do you have a permanent medical condition or disability which impacts your housing needs?”, on page 3;
 - (ii) “Are support services required to live independently?” on page 3;
 - (iii) “Family violence” on page 3;
 - (iv) “Health reasons” on page 3;
 - (v) “Unsuitable to live in” on page 3;
 - (vi) “Do members of your household have a permanent medical condition or disability which impacts on housing need?” on page 3;
 - (vii) “Primary homeless” on page 5;
 - (viii) “Secondary homeless” on page 5;
 - (ix) “Tertiary homeless” on page 5;
 - (x) “My own home” on page 5;
 - (xi) “Renting in a private rental property” on page 5;
 - (xii) “With family and/or friends” on page 5;
 - (xiii) “At a caravan park” on page 5;
 - (xiv) “Must leave immediately” on page 5;
 - (xv) “Up to 2 weeks” on page 5;
 - (xvi) “Between 2 weeks to 6 weeks” on page 5;
 - (xvii) “Between 6 weeks to 3 months” on page 5;
 - (xviii) “Between 3 months to 6 months” on page 5;
 - (xix) “I am not required to leave” on page 5;
 - (xx) “I am currently homeless” on page 5;
 - (xxi) “I am not required to leave” in question 22 on page 5;
 - (xxii) “I am currently homeless” on page 5;
 - (xxiii) “I am not required to leave” in question 23 on page 5;
 - (xxiv) “A member of my household is experiencing or is at risk of violence or harm” on page 5;
 - (xxv) “My lease is ending and I am unable to renew this lease” on page 5;
 - (xxvi) “I have an impending eviction” on page 5;
 - (xxvii) “My current housing is a barrier for the reunification of a child/ren into my care” on page 5;
 - (xxviii) “The location is preventing access to essential medical, educational or support services” on page 5;
 - (xxix) “Current housing aggravates severe ongoing medical condition or disability” on page 5;
 - (xxx) “My house is overcrowded and impacting the health and wellbeing of my household” on page 5;
 - (xxxii) “I am unable to afford current house and/or experiencing financial hardship” on page 5;
 - (xxxiii) “For cultural reasons I need to leave my current housing situation” on page 5;
 - (xxxiiii) “My current housing does not meet my household needs due to its design/amenity” on page 5;

- (xxxiv) “Are you in rent arrears in your private rental property?” on page 5;
- (xxxv) “The local market is unaffordable” on page 5; and
- (xxxvi) “I cannot find a property which meets my households location and/or property needs” on page 5?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

I thank the Honourable Member for some notice of this question.

- (a)–(c) The Housing Options Assessment Form is not an application for public housing assistance. It is used to triage clients seeking housing or other assistance and advise them of assistance options they may be eligible for based on their current circumstances.

This data is not captured by the Department of Communities’ internal reporting systems.

If assessed as being eligible for public housing assistance, an applicant will be encouraged to complete a public housing application.