

PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST

1626. Hon Steve Martin to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

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

- (a) how many applications for the following have indicated domestic violence concerns:
 - (i) public housing wait list;
 - (ii) priority housing wait list; and
 - (iii) for each of the above how many individuals does this represent?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

- (a) (i)–(ii) The Department of Communities (Communities) provides multiple pathways, including public rental housing, to those unable to obtain adequate and appropriate housing through the private sector. Eligibility for public housing is primarily based on income, but there are circumstances where income is not the determining factor for eligibility, such as situations of family or domestic violence.

It should be noted that the majority of applicants have access to some form of accommodation such as crisis and transitional housing, and/or living with family members.

Public Housing applicants who are experiencing family and domestic violence and are assessed as requiring priority assistance because of their circumstances will be priority listed and recorded under a domestic and family violence category. Therefore, Communities does not record wait turn applications under this category, and a breakdown of the wait turn public housing waitlist cannot be provided.

- (iii) As at 31 August 2023, there were 4,835 priority applications on the public housing waitlist representing 9,496 people. This includes 75 applications where the ‘Priority List Category’ was “Domestic and Family Violence”, representing 196 people.