

PUBLIC HOUSING — MARKET RENT

**411. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to market rent for public housing tenants.

- (1) What is the formula used to determine market rent?
- (2) What was the average market rent for each of the following financial years —
  - (a) 2018–19;
  - (b) 2019–20;
  - (c) 2020–21; and
  - (d) 2021–22?
- (3) What is the current market rent price for people living in public housing in WA?

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Housing.

- (1) The Department of Communities receives valuations from Landgate. This data is based on market rental information that Landgate receives from the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.  
  
Market rental evidence considers the location and size of the dwelling. As such, the market rent rate differs across locations and types of dwelling. Public housing rent is calculated based on either 25 per cent of the household's total assessable income or Landgate's assessment of market rent, whichever is lower.
- (2)–(3) The data requested would require a manual review of individual files and is not considered a reasonable use of government resources. However, if the honourable member has a more specific question, the minister will endeavour to provide an answer.