

SOCIAL HOUSING — ELIGIBILITY LIMITS

1707. Hon Steve Martin to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the increase to social housing eligibility limits, and I ask:

- (a) how many persons in social housing in Western Australia exceeded the income or asset limits for eligibility in the calendar years 2023 (to date), 2022, and 2021; and
- (b) how many persons listed in (a), faced a consequence as a result of exceeding the limits, and what was it?

**Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:**

- (a)–(b) Under the entire term of the former Liberal–National Government, there were no increases to social housing income eligibility limits.

The Cook Labor Government has increased social housing income eligibility limits four times since coming into government, ensuring that people receiving Commonwealth payments such as the aged or disability pensions remain eligible.

The Department of Communities (Communities) conducts ongoing monitoring of eligibility criteria to ensure public housing tenants continue to meet the eligibility limits for both income and assets.

Where tenants have had a change in circumstances and are earning over the income limits, such as through inheritance, marriage, or employment, Communities will work with the tenant to transition out of public housing, along the housing continuum, including consideration of the sale of the property to the tenant.

Data on income and asset eligibility assessments is not currently collated for reporting purposes and therefore cannot be provided.