

PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST

1486. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the wait-turn and the priority public housing waitlists.

- (1) How many applicants and individuals were on each list at the end of October 2023?
- (2) On what date did the applicant who has been waiting the longest on each waitlist initially join the waitlist?
- (3) Given that Parliament will not sit again until February next year, will the minister commit to publishing this data for the months of December, January and February when there will not be an opportunity to ask questions without notice?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

I note that the Parliament is sitting again this year. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Housing.

- (1) As at 31 October 2023, there were 19 328 applications on the public housing waitlist statewide, representing 34 478 people. This includes 4 960 priority applications, representing 9 710 people.
- (2) The requested data requires a significant amount of government resources, including a manual review of individual files. Therefore, it is not possible to gather this information regularly without an unreasonable use of government resources, nor within the time frame provided today. Should the member wish to place this question on notice, the minister will endeavour to provide a response.
- (3)–(4) Please refer to Legislative Council question without notice 1037 answered on 13 September 2023.