

PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST — DISABILITY SUPPORT PENSION

1329. Hon Steve Martin to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) For each month of the following years, how many applications on the priority public housing waitlist included one or more individuals receiving the disability support payment:
  - (a) 2021;
  - (b) 2022; and
  - (c) 2023 (to date)?
- (2) For those in (1), how many individuals does this represent?

**Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:**

- (1)–(2) Applications containing a disability support payment indicates that at least one person on the application receives this payment. This does not necessarily indicate that all people on the application are in receipt of the payment.

The Department of Communities provides multiple pathways, including public rental housing, to those unable to obtain adequate and appropriate housing through the private sector. It should be noted that most applicants have a roof over their head while they wait to be housed.

A tight private rental market will reflect an increase in the number of applications for social housing. Many people who may be otherwise housed, may seek the safety net of public housing when there is significant pressure in the private rental market. Rental vacancy rates have tightened across the country during the COVID-19 pandemic, significantly impacting the housing market. The State Government continues to accelerate social housing delivery through a diverse range of reforms including the modular build, timber frame, and spot purchasing programs.

As at 28 February 2023, there were 1,247 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,858 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 January 2023, there were 1,233 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,871 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 December 2022, there were 1,196 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,809 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 30 November 2022, there were 1,188 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,774 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 October 2022, there were 1,148 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,739 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 30 September 2022, there were 1,118 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,690 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 August 2022, there were 1,118 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,698 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 July 2022, there were 1,112 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,683 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 30 June 2022, there were 1,077 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,609 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 May 2022, there were 1,056 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,561 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 30 April 2022, there were 1,027 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,509 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 March 2022, there were 993 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,467 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 28 February 2022, there were 957 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,414 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 January 2022, there were 927 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,378 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 December 2021, there were 913 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,352 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 30 November 2021, there were 920 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,359 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 October 2021, there were 901 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,323 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 30 September 2021, there were 895 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,330 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 August 2021, there were 875 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,293 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 July 2021, there were 857 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,244 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 30 June 2021, there were 826 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,209 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 May 2021, there were 790 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,165 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 30 April 2021, there were 759 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,108 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 March 2021, there were 730 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,062 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 28 February 2021, there were 706 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 1,037 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.

As at 31 January 2021, there were 676 applications on the priority housing waitlist, representing 982 people who identified at least one household member as in receipt of a disability support pension or payment.