

PUBLIC HOUSING

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

I refer to the Western Australia's public housing stock.

How many new build public homes were completed in each of the following calendar years —

- (a) 2020;
- (b) 2021; and
- (c) 2022?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

- (a)–(c) Since the McGowan government's record investment into housing and homelessness on 1 July 2021, 1 100 social housing dwellings have been added and nearly 1 000 are under contract or construction. It is widely understood that there are currently pressures in the construction market caused by the COVID pandemic, such as global supply chain issues and material and labour shortages.

Housing delivery across all regions relies on multiple modes of flexible housing delivery, including construction of modular builds, prefabricated housing builds, timber-frame builds as well as spot purchasing. It is important to note spot purchases can include new builds that may be either purchased off the plan or from new developments. These are unable to be separated from other spot purchases without a manual review of the data.

The Department of Communities reports on housing total stock completions by financial year. In 2020–21, Communities added a total of 107 social housing dwellings, of which 93 were construction. In 2021–22, Communities added a total of 600 social housing dwellings, of which 264 were construction. In the 2022–23 financial year to 28 February 2023, Communities added a total of 496 social housing dwellings, of which, so far, 203 were construction.