

PUBLIC HOUSING — TENANCIES

1051. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government:

Please provide the following details for the years 2011–2021 or if only available from 2018, the number of tenancies where the Market Rent Rate is imposed, and the number of these tenancies with a tenant who has disclosed Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

The number of tenants paying market rent is a point in time figure and changes regularly. Market rent is only charged to a tenant in certain circumstances including for example, where the market rent rate is lower than 25% of their household assessable income, or where tenants have not disclosed or updated their income with Communities where requested.

It is important to note that when applying, the ATSI field is not a mandatory option for tenants to indicate as to whether they identify as ATSI. Applicants for public housing in WA are not required to identify their ethnicity when applying for housing assistance.

Historically, reportable data before system changes in 2017–18 were recorded at a tenancy and application level, if at all, with a low confidence level. Subsequently, comparative data prior to June 2018 is not available.

Public Housing State-wide Tenancies - Market Rent and ATSI			
Report Date	Total Tenancies	Market Rent Tenancies	Market Rent Tenancies where at least one householder has identified as ATSI*
As at 30 June 2018	31,944	1,198	482
As at 30 June 2019	31,366	1,815	715
As at 30 June 2020	31,261	2,112	856
As at 30 June 2021	30,528	2,487	1,040
As at 30 June 2022	30,923	1,985	823

* This may include householders that are not a party to the tenancy agreement.

** Note Some market rent statistics are subject to data capture limitations due to their property status.