

PUBLIC HOUSING — TRANSFER APPLICATIONS

1071. 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:

- (a) the number of applications from tenant for a transfer; and
- (b) the number of tenants in (a), who have disclosed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a)–(b) Since 2017–18, the Department of Communities has prioritised a person-centred approach to sustaining tenancies. The data below reflects changes in priorities such as supporting re-unification of children and families, supporting victims of domestic violence to move for safety reasons, supporting tenants with cultural obligations and policy changes to support tenants through challenges by seeking more appropriate accommodation for their individual circumstances.

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 or transfer.

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.

<b>Public Housing Priority Transfer Applications</b>		
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Number of Active Applications</b>	<b>Number of Active Applications – Where a Householder Identifies as ATSI</b>
2017–18	1,365	441
2018–19	1,459	488
2019–20	1,647	598
2020–21	2,044	854