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PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST

1417. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to my question on notice 1281, where a specific answer was unable to be provided due to changes in the Department of Communities' reporting methods for the public housing waitlist, and I ask:

- (a) for each of the calendar years from when the current reporting system was implemented to present year-to-date:
 - (i) how many new applications were added to the waitlist and how many individuals did that represent;
 - (ii) how many applications resulted in housing being obtained, and how many individuals did that represent;
 - (iii) how many applications were removed from the waitlist for any other reason; and
 - (iv) how many applications in (i)–(iii), were priority, and how many individuals did that represent?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

Department of Communities wait list data is collated as point-in-time data.

As the Member has previously advised, this data is not readily available and would require the manual review of files. Given the level of agency resourcing required to provide this detailed information, it is not considered to be a reasonable use of government resources.

However, if the Honourable Member asks a more specific question, the Minister will endeavour to provide this information.