

PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST

321. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the answer from question 322 asked on Tuesday, 16 April in which the minister advises that answers should be read with caution due to double counting in the public housing waitlist.

- (1) What is the extent of the double counting in the public housing waitlist?
- (2) Why are multiple applications from the same persons added to the waitlist?
- (3) How long has this double counting been occurring?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

- (1)–(3) Double counting is present as part of the waitlist’s composition, given that an individual may be listed as a householder on more than one application at any one time; this is why it does not form part of regular verified reporting. Examples include when there are householders who are listed on multiple applications or children who may be counted as householders on the applications of each of their caregivers. It is not possible to confirm the extent of double counting without a manual review of individual files.