

SOCIAL HOUSING — STOCK

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

I refer to the government's social housing scheme.

- (1) To date, how many social housing properties does the government own?
- (2) Of those in (1), how many are —
 - (a) occupied; and
 - (b) vacant?
- (3) Of those in (2)(b), will the minister please provide a breakdown of how many were —
 - (a) returning stock; and
 - (b) non-returning stock?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

(1)–(3) I seek leave to have the information incorporated into *Hansard* as it is in a tabular form.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

- (1) As at 31 January 2023, there were 43,458 social housing properties across the State, of which 36,050 were public housing and 7,408 were community housing properties.

1,000 social homes have been added to the State's public housing stock since the McGowan Government's record investment towards increasing social housing stock. Some of these properties are not yet reflected in this data as it often takes time for data to be transferred wholly into the Department of Communities systems, across regional offices.
 - (2)–(3) Vacancy numbers are always a single point in time number that fluctuates for a range of reasons. Properties may be awaiting acceptance of offers from applicants, undergoing minor maintenance repairs or refurbishment prior to new occupants moving in, or undergoing major refurbishment as part of a redevelopment.

As at 31 January 2023, 1,857 public housing properties are currently vacant, of which 1,452 are returning stock and are currently undergoing or planned for, maintenance, repairs or refurbishments to be made available to an applicant on the waiting list.

Of the remaining 405 properties, some of which may return to stock, 326 are currently undergoing review. The remaining 79 are not returning as they have reached their end of life, are damaged beyond repair or are being considered for redevelopment.

Information for Community Housing vacancies is unavailable as these properties are managed by Community Housing Providers.
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