

HOMELESSNESS — DEATHS

**168. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the article “Tracking deaths of people who have experienced homelessness: A dynamic cohort study in an Australian city” published in the *British Medical Journal* on 21 February 2024, which demonstrates a huge life expectancy gap between those experiencing homelessness and the rest of the population.

- (1) Is the WA government collecting data identifying and monitoring deaths among WA’s homeless population?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the minister commit to making this data publicly available?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) Given George Abraham was sent a letter by this government asking if he still needed housing two years after his tragic death, what is this government doing to prevent the deaths of public housing tenants who are evicted into homelessness?

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

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

- (1)–(4) The state government recognises the importance of quality and up-to-date data in designing and delivering effective, long-term responses to homelessness and is investing significantly to improve data collection and quality through the By Name List and the Zero Project. It should be noted the By Name List captures a record of acknowledgement of death. This data represents individuals in the inactive list that have at any time been identified on the By Name List.