

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Territory Families and Urban Housing:

Urban Housing Vacancies

1. How many Urban Housing public housing units, houses, or other properties are currently vacant? Please include:
 - a. Location of each property; and
 - b. Number of bedrooms of each property.

Answer:

This data is publicly available on the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities website.

2. How many Urban Housing public housing units, houses or other properties have been vacant for over 12 months? Please include:
 - a. Location of each property; and
 - b. Number of bedrooms of each property.

Answer:

A response for this question will be compiled and will be available for Estimates.

3. How many Urban Housing public housing units, houses or other properties have been vacant for over 2 years? Please include:
 - a. Location of each property; and
 - b. Number of bedrooms of each property.

Answer:

A response for this question will be compiled and will be available for Estimates.

4. What is the longest time a currently vacant Urban Housing public housing unit, house or other property has been vacant, and for how long has it been vacant?

Answer:

A response for this question will be compiled and will be available for Estimates.

5. How many Urban Housing public housing units, houses or other properties have been refurbished in the past 12 months? Please include:
- a. Location of each property;
 - b. Number of bedrooms of each property; and
 - c. Cost of refurbishment.

Answer:

A response for this question will be compiled and will be available for Estimates.

6. How many currently vacant Urban Housing public housing units, houses or other properties will not be repaired or are beyond repair? Please include:
- a. Location of each property,
 - b. Number of bedrooms of each property,
 - c. Time each property has been vacant,
 - d. Estimated cost of repair, and
 - e. Reason the property will not / cannot be repaired.

Answer:

14 urban public houses, units and other properties will not be repaired and are listed for disposal by way of demolition or sale.

A range of factors are taken into account when determining whether or not to repair or refurbish a property, including:

- age of the property;
- location of the property;
- suitability for public housing, including accessibility; and
- cost of refurbishment.

A breakdown by location, dwelling size and estimated cost of repair is included for reference:

Location of property	Number of bedrooms	Estimated Cost of Repair
Alice Springs	3	> \$100K
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Alice Springs	3	> \$100K
Katherine	3	> \$100K
Palmerston	3	< \$100K
Palmerston	3	> \$100K
Tennant Creek	3	> \$100K
Tennant Creek	3	> \$100K
Tennant Creek	3	> \$100K
Darwin	4	> \$100K
Darwin	3	> \$100K
Darwin	3	> \$100K
Darwin	4	< \$100K