

2014 Estimates Committee

Response to Written Question on Notice

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Question 1.

How any public housing properties have been sold either by auction or to private buyers in Alice Springs since September 2012

Answer

For the 2013/14 financial year, as at 31 March no properties had been sold. Subsequently, one property was sold in April 2014. A further six properties are under contract.

Question 2.

How much in dollar terms did these sales realise?

Answer

For the 2013/14 financial year, as at 31 March no sales had occurred, Subsequently \$336,000 was realised from the sale in April 2014. \$1.5 is expected to be realised with the settlement of the six properties currently under contract.

Question 3.

How many new public dwellings have been built in Alice Springs since September 2012?

Answer

No new public housing dwellings have been built in Alice Springs in 2013/14.

Question 4.

Will public housing be built at Kilgariff or the land release you are planning in the Larapinta area?

Answer

Department of Housing have no specific lots allocated for public housing or affordable housing initiatives in the current release at Kilgariff. Future stages will be considered at a later date. Land release is a matter for the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment.

Question 5.

How many public housing properties are vacant in Alice Springs?

Answer

As at 31 March 2014, there were 115 vacant public housing properties. There are 859 public housing properties in Alice Springs.

Question 6.

What is the length of time these properties have been vacant?

Answer

The average total vacancy period in Alice Springs as at 31 March 2014 is 234 days. The average vacancy period includes properties that are deemed for disposal or undergoing refurbishment. Thirty eight properties are to be returned to stock for allocation over the next four weeks.

Question 7 and Answer.

How many new houses have been built or existing houses refurbished since March 2013 in:

	Community	New builds	Refurbished
a	Utopia	0	0
b	Yuendumu	30	88
c	Papunya	2	23
d	Docker River	0	0
e	Titjikala	0	0
f	Ntaria	19	10
g	Santa Teresa	0	0
h	Willowra	0	0
i	Ti Tree Region (Pmara Jutunta)	0	34
j	Yuelamu	0	0
K	Atitjere	0	0
L	Nyirripi	0	0
m	Total	51	155

Question 8.

Please Provide:

- a. Full details on all new land released by the Northern Territory Government;
- b. Full details on where the 2000 new homes will be constructed across the Territory in the next four years under "Real Housing for Growth" and progress to date.

Answer a.

This is a matter for the Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment.

Answer b.

To date 285 dwellings have been delivered under Real Housing for Growth initiatives.

Details of the dwellings delivered to date includes:

- Head-Leasing Initiative – 14 dwellings delivered in Tennant Creek
- National Rental Affordability Scheme – 50 dwellings delivered in Alice Springs, 87 in Bellamack, 13 in Johnston, 6 in Parap, and 1 in Muirhead and Zuccoli.
- Venture Housing Company – 9 dwellings delivered in Driver
- Home Buyer Initiative – 39 dwellings delivered in Bellamack, 17 in Johnston and 9 in Zuccoli
- HomeBuild Access – 5 dwellings delivered in Bellamack, 1 in Zuccoli, 1 in Farrar, 7 in Johnston, 3 in Berry Springs, 6 in Darwin, 1 in Durack, 2 in Humpty Doo and 1 in Marrakai
- Redevelopment of urban public housing – 10 dwellings delivered in Alice Springs

An additional 756 dwellings are scheduled to be completed during 2014/15. Delivery of the remaining 1039 dwellings through to 2016/17 is subject to negotiation and project implementation over the next 2 years.

Question 9.

What is the number of successful applicants for the First Home Owner Grants in each of the past three years and what is the forecast for forward years?

Answer

The Department of Treasury and Finance deals with the First Home Owner Grants.