

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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Subject: Vacancy Rates by Region

QUESTION:

Can you please provide the committee with the vacancy rate for the regions, being Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Darwin and remote? What is the average vacancy time and the longest vacancy time?

ANSWER:

The average time to re-let a dwelling is 139 days in urban and 202 days in remote. Turnaround time measures the time taken to re-let a dwelling undergoing standard repairs and maintenance, averaged over 12 months.

Dwellings not suitable for habitation or requiring significant repairs/upgrades are excluded from vacancy calculations.

Table 1 vacant dwellings undergoing turnaround process and time spent vacant

Tenure/Region	Vacant Dwellings	Avg. vacancy (days)	Longest vacancy
Remote Public Housing			
Arafura	168	735	7y 0m
Arnhem	92	420	3y 8m
Big Rivers	69	600	5y 7m
Barkly	36	430	6y 5m
Central Australia	155	448	5y 6m
Total Remote	520	555	7y 0m

Urban Public Housing			
Darwin Region	35	100	0y 8m
Palmerston	26	86	0y 8m
Nhulunbuy	4	219	1y 5m
Katherine	38	335	2y 0m
Tennant Creek	6	124	0y 7m
Alice Springs	57	182	1y 8m
Total Urban	166	183	2y 0m

Caveats

- Dwellings deemed uninhabitable or requiring significant repairs or upgrades are **excluded**.
- Dwelling located within previously non leased communities are also **excluded**