

Question on Notice

No. 616

Asked on 10 May 2011

MS SIMPSON asked the Minister for Community Services and Housing and Minister for Women (MS STRUTHERS)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide in table format for each region the number of (a) occupied government managed public housing properties, (b) vacant government-managed public housing properties and (c) people on the register for long-term housing?

ANSWER

The Queensland Government owns and manages 55,055 social housing dwellings across the State. As at 30 April 2011, only 802 dwellings were vacant which equates to a vacancy rate of 1.5 per cent. This rate is far less than the private residential sector vacancy rate which in September 2010 was 4.4 per cent.

A large majority of the social housing vacancies occur as a result of tenants moving to other accommodation options. When a dwelling is vacated it must be inspected and maintenance work completed before the next tenant can occupy the dwelling. Maintenance can include disability and seniors modifications.

Region	(a) Total Occupied	(b) Vacant dwellings	(c) Number of Applicants on the Housing Register
Brisbane	15,728	187	8,149
Central Queensland	5,163	94	2,715
Far North Queensland	3,717	101	2,236
North Coast	7,565	57	4,430
North Queensland	6,334	148	2,514
South East	10,298	67	7,227
South West	5,006	148	2,293
Total	53,811	802	29,564

This data is current as at 30 April 2011.