

Question on Notice
No. 1753
Asked on Wednesday, 23 October 2019

MR M HUNT ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS; MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI)

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of transitional public housing the department owns or operates, (b) the average time public housing customers stay in these premises and (c) if there has been any recent changes to the government's policy on the length of stay that can be spent in transitional public housing?

ANSWER

(a) The Department of Housing and Public Works funds non-government registered community housing organisations to manage transitional social housing for eligible households who have been referred from the Housing Register. These organisations are required to assist households to stabilise their circumstances and build their capacity to access and sustain longer-term housing in the private rental market or other social housing accommodation, including public housing.

As at 30 September 2019, 3,200 dwellings are managed under the transitional housing program.

(b) The average length of tenancy across a provider's transitional housing portfolio should be less than 24 months. As at 30 September 2019, the actual average transitional housing tenancy was 20 months.

(c) There has been no recent change in government policy on the length of stay that can be spent in transitional housing. As part of the *Queensland Housing Strategy's 2017-2027 Partnering for Growth* initiative, the department is working with community housing providers of transitional housing to ensure person-centred, placed based approaches are being undertaken through pathway planning. This will ensure people in need are obtaining the most suitable housing option.