

**Question on Notice
No. 67
Asked on Wednesday, 5 February 2020**

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

Will the Minister provide the latest figures for the number of (a) current applications for social housing within the department which are not currently registered or approved and (b) social housing properties sitting vacant waiting to be allocated to approved clients?

ANSWER

a)

As at 11 February 2020, the Department of Housing and Public Works is working with 2,922 customers to finalise their Social Housing applications. The applications are pending the return of a range of required information from customers to assess their social housing eligibility. Required information from customers may include documentation verifying the customers current housing circumstances. Departmental staff continue to ensure vulnerable applicants and those with complex needs are offered support and assistance to provide information in a timely manner. Upon providing the required documentation not all of these customers will be eligible for social housing and will be supported through the suite of available private markets products and services.

b)

Out of a portfolio of 55,818 department owned and managed social housing properties, there were 606 vacant dwellings being actively managed for allocation (as at 31 January 2020). These properties have undergone vacant maintenance to return them to a lettable standard prior to tenanting.