

## Question on Notice

No. 494

Asked on Tuesday 9 May 2023

**MS A CAMM** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to public housing in the Whitsunday and Mackay Electorates—

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of public housing assets and their total capacity (reported separately by suburb) that are (i) occupied and (ii) unoccupied, (b) the longest period a public housing dwelling has been unoccupied, (c) the median time public housing dwellings are unoccupied and (d) the number of applicants currently awaiting public housing accommodation (reported separately by dwelling type)?

ANSWER:

In the Whitsunday and Mackay State Electorates, there are 1500 government managed public housing properties. As at 30 April 2023 only nine of those properties were unoccupied. Below is a breakdown by suburb.

As at 30 April 2023 there were 191 occupied public housing properties in the suburb of Andergrove providing a total of 501 bedrooms. Andergrove has no vacant properties.

As at 30 April 2023 there were 133 occupied public housing properties in the suburb of Beaconsfield providing a total of 420 bedrooms. Beaconsfield has no vacant properties.

As at 30 April 2023 there were 42 occupied public housing properties in the suburb of Bucasia providing a total of 132 bedrooms. Bucasia has no vacant properties.

As at 30 April 2023 there were 24 occupied public housing properties in the suburb of Cannonvale providing a total of 55 bedrooms. Cannonvale has one vacant property with a total of two bedrooms.

As at 30 April 2023 there were 49 occupied public housing properties in the suburb of East Mackay providing a total of 113 bedrooms. East Mackay has one vacant property with three bedrooms.

As at 30 April 2023 there were 27 occupied public housing properties in the suburb of Eimeo providing a total of 84 bedrooms. Eimeo has no vacant properties.

As at 30 April 2023 there were 32 occupied public housing properties in the suburb of Glenella providing a total of 92 bedrooms. Glenella has no vacant properties.

As at 30 April 2023 there were 238 occupied public housing properties in the suburb of Mackay providing a total of 407 bedrooms. Mackay has two vacant properties with a total of three bedrooms.

As at 30 April 2023 there were 151 occupied public housing properties in the suburb of North Mackay providing a total of 339 bedrooms. North Mackay has two vacant properties with a total of four bedrooms.

As at 30 April 2023 there were 68 occupied public housing properties in the suburb of Proserpine providing a total of 165 bedrooms. Proserpine has no vacant properties.

As at 30 April 2023 there were 24 occupied public housing properties in the suburb of Rural View providing a total of 79 bedrooms. Rural View has no vacant properties.

As at 30 April 2023 there were 84 occupied public housing properties in the suburb of Slade Point providing a total of 252 bedrooms. Slade Point has no vacant properties.

As at 30 April 2023 there were 266 occupied public housing properties in the suburb of South Mackay providing a total of 592 bedrooms. South Mackay has two vacant properties with a total of four bedrooms.

As at 30 April 2023 there were 141 occupied public housing properties in the suburb of West Mackay providing a total of 230 bedrooms. West Mackay has no vacant properties.

Due to the small number of occupied government owned and managed dwellings the following data has been combined collectively to ensure the publication does not compromise the privacy of individuals. As at 30 April 2023, there were 21 occupied public housing properties providing a total of 69 bedrooms in the suburbs of Blacks Beach, Jubilee Pocket, Mount Pleasant and Shoal Point. There was one vacant property across these suburbs with a total of three bedrooms.

The median time that public housing properties were vacant in the Whitsunday and Mackay State Electorates was 15 days with the longest period vacant being 30 days due to maintenance works being undertaken. The department actively manages the portfolio to minimise the length of time social housing is vacant and ensure people in high housing need receive timely assistance. The vacant maintenance program ensures that the property is fit to live in, is in good repair, and provides a healthy, secure, and safe home. Where possible, maintenance work is undertaken within benchmarked timeframes to reinstate the property to a lettable standard.

The department captures and publishes information on applications with regards to bedroom entitlement rather than property type. The latest publicly available Social Housing Register data is available on the Queensland Government Open Data Portal at <https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/social-housing-register>.