

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 941**

**Asked on Wednesday, 23 August 2023**

**MR T WATTS ASKED THE MINISTER HOUSING (HON M SCANLON)—**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to social housing in Toowoomba and Highfields—

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of dwellings (houses) available in Toowoomba (in the 4350 and 4352 postcodes) from 2017 to 2023, (b) the current number of dwellings (houses) that are vacant, (c) the total number vacant due to outstanding repair work and (d) the total number of people in the 4350 and 4352 postcodes on the social housing waiting list?

**ANSWER:**

From 1 July 2017 to 31 July 2023, the number of social housing dwellings (all dwelling types including houses) in the 4350 and 4352 postcodes that are government owned and managed or owned or managed by community housing providers increased by 140, to 1,916.

The Department of Housing actively manages the portfolio to minimise the length of time social housing is vacant and ensure people in high housing need receive timely assistance.

As at 31 July 2023 in the 4350 and 4352 postcodes there were:

- seven government owned and managed social housing dwellings in a tenable condition and in the process of having offers made to families on the Social Housing Register
- 14 government owned and managed social housing dwellings that were in an untenable condition undergoing maintenance or upgrades to reinstate the property to a tenable standard (i.e. safe, secure, in good repair and in a reasonable clean condition).

The social housing register is a point in time register of eligible social housing applicants, used by Housing Service Centres and non-government providers to identify and allocate social housing to those most in need.

As at 30 June 2023, 1,245 applications were on the housing register with suburb preferences within the 4350 and 4352 postcodes.