

Question on Notice

No. 195

Asked on Wednesday, 6 March 2024

DR A MACMAHON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Part G, Section 18A.3 of the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services 2024 released on 22 January 2024 and to answer to Question on Notice No. 1575 of 2023—

Will the Minister advise why the social housing figures provided by the Productivity Commission differs from those provided in the Minister's response, specifically in relation to (a) community housing dwellings, (b) public housing dwellings, (c) state owned and managed Indigenous housing dwellings, (d) Indigenous community housing dwellings and (e) the net increase of social housing stock since 2015?

ANSWER:

Each year, there are variances between the number of social housing dwellings reported by the Queensland Government and the rental units reported by the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services (RoGS).

This variation is due to different counting methodologies, which include:

- RoGS reports the number of tenancy (rental) units, while the department reports the number of dwellings. Where a single dwelling has more than one tenancy (rental unit), the total number of tenancy units reported in RoGS can be higher than the number of dwellings reported by the department. This applies across all categories of housing reported by the Department and in RoGS.
- RoGS data does not include dwellings in the Crisis Accommodation Program and Employment and Education Housing Program, whereas departmental data includes these dwellings.
- The department captures Indigenous community housing managed by Indigenous community housing organisations (ICHOs) as part of the Community Housing data. Dwellings in remote and discrete Indigenous communities are reported separately by the department. By comparison, Indigenous Community Housing as reported in RoGS, includes both tenancy units managed by ICHOs and tenancy units in remote and discrete Indigenous communities.
- The most recent RoGS reports on Indigenous Community Housing tenancy units as at 30 June 2022. The department data is as at 30 June 2023 for dwellings in remote and discrete Indigenous communities.
- The most recent RoGS data reflects 276 dwellings being reclassified from the Community Housing portfolio to the Indigenous Community Housing portfolio to more correctly reflect delivery as these are ICHO owned and managed properties. In line with department's counting approach, these dwellings, like other ICHO dwellings, continue to be captured as Community Housing. These 276 dwellings are not included in the most recent RoGS release as this release does not include updated data for Indigenous Community Housing.