

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 337**

**Asked on Thursday, 21 March 2024**

**MR T MANDER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS (HON M SCANLON)—

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise the number of social housing tenant households identified as potentially exceeding the threshold of combined tenant and/or spouse gross assessable income of \$80,000 or greater per annum as at (a) 1 January 2022, (b) 1 January 2023 and (c) 1 January 2024?

**ANSWER:**

With the cost-of-living pressures and impacts on the housing market nationally, the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works continues to review tenants' ongoing eligibility and need for social housing.

The department's approach for tenants' ongoing eligibility seeks to balance the human rights of tenants and applicants on the housing register, whilst ensuring subsidised social housing support and the use of social housing assets are maximised to support the Queenslanders in greatest need.

Where a tenant is identified as no longer being eligible for public housing, the department will actively work with them to explore alternative housing and support options through our expanded range of products and services, such as bond loans and rental grants. The department does not exit tenants who are no longer eligible for social housing into homelessness.

As at 1 January 2022, 0.4 per cent (202 households) of Government owned and managed public housing tenancies state-wide had a combined tenant/s and/or spouse gross assessable income of \$80,000 or greater per annum.

As at 1 January 2023, 0.2 per cent (105 households) of Government owned and managed public housing tenancies state-wide had a combined tenant/s and/or spouse gross assessable income of \$80,000 or greater per annum.

As at 1 January 2024, 0.7 per cent (378 households) of Government owned and managed public housing tenancies state-wide had a combined tenant/s and/or spouse gross assessable income of \$80,000 or greater per annum.