

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 597

asked on 21 May 2024

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**MRS D FRECKLINGTON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR WATER (HON G BUTCHER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to answer to Question on Notice No. 1100 of 2022, and the ten Seqwater owned homes in Somerset Dam Village which have remained vacant since 2020—

Will the Minister advise (a) why these homes continue to remain vacant given the current housing crisis, (b) if Seqwater has determined the future use of the homes and (c) when Seqwater will release the Detailed Business Case for the Somerset Dam Improvement Project given it was due for completion in 2022?

ANSWER:

- a) Seqwater is currently undertaking detailed structural assessments which will be completed this year. These assessments will inform planned refurbishments of the houses so that they meet required housing standards.
- b) By holding these properties for use as accommodation for the Somerset Dam Improvement Project, which will be a significant, multi-year project; Seqwater will minimise impacts on the local housing market. Onsite accommodation will also reduce local traffic flows and other disruptions during construction.
- c) A decision on publicly releasing the Detailed Business Case will be made after it has been considered by government.