

Question on Notice

No. 1553

Asked on Thursday, 11 December 2025

MR B MELLISH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH (HON S O'CONNOR)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise as at 1 November 2024 and 1 November 2025 (or closest reportable dates) (reported separately by Housing Service Centre Region) (a) the number of uninhabitable dwellings in the portfolio, (b) the longest period a dwelling has been considered uninhabitable and (c) medium time dwellings are considered uninhabitable?

ANSWER:

The Department of Housing and Public Works actively manages its social housing portfolio through its upgrade and maintenance program, with a focus on tenant safety and extending the remaining useful life of homes.

The department does not use 'uninhabitable' to classify its dwellings. For this question, a dwelling is considered uninhabitable if it is not feasible to repair or upgrade the property for re-tenanting, including due to damage from fires or natural disasters, and the property is identified for demolition.

Social housing data is collated on the last day of each month. The nearest reporting period to the requested dates is 31 October 2024 and 31 October 2025.

(a) As at 31 October 2024, the number of uninhabitable department-owned social housing dwellings was 23.

As at 31 October 2025, the number of uninhabitable department-owned social housing dwellings was 28.

The breakdown of uninhabitable department-owned social housing dwellings by Housing Service Centre is set out in the table below.

Housing Service Centre	As at 31 October 2024 (number of dwellings)	As at 31 October 2025 (number of dwellings)
Logan	0	0
Ipswich	0	0
Moreton Bay	0	0
Inala	0	6
Chermside	3	2
Bayside	0	0
Buranda	0	1
Fortitude Valley	1	1
Townsville	0	4
Cairns	9	9

Housing Service Centre	As at 31 October 2024 (number of dwellings)	As at 31 October 2025 (number of dwellings)
Mackay	0	0
Gold Coast	1	0
Maroochydore	1	3
Rockhampton	0	0
Toowoomba and South West	1	0
Bundaberg	0	0
Mount Isa	4	0
Thursday Island	0	0
Emerald	1	1
Gladstone	0	1
Maryborough	2	0
Total	23	28

- (b) The longest period a department-owned social housing dwelling was considered uninhabitable in the portfolio as at 31 October 2024 was 539 days.

The longest period a department-owned social housing dwelling was considered uninhabitable in the portfolio as at 31 October 2025 was 479 days.

The longest period a department-owned dwelling was considered uninhabitable by Housing Service Centre is set out in the table below.

Housing Service Centre	As at 31 October 2024 (days)	As at 31 October 2025 (days)
Logan	0	0
Ipswich	0	0
Moreton Bay	0	0
Inala	0	135
Chermside	73	73
Bayside	0	0
Buranda	0	46
Fortitude Valley	539	43
Townsville	0	182
Cairns	114	479
Mackay	0	0
Gold Coast	160	0
Maroochydore	118	3
Rockhampton	0	0
Toowoomba and South West	6	0
Bundaberg	0	0
Mount Isa	76	0
Thursday Island	0	0
Emerald	41	165
Gladstone	0	64
Maryborough	56	0

- (c) The medium (median) time department-owned social housing dwellings were considered uninhabitable as at 31 October 2024 was 111 days.

The medium (median) time department-owned social housing dwellings were considered uninhabitable as at 31 October 2025 was 72 days.

The medium (median) time department-owned social housing dwellings were considered uninhabitable by Housing Service Centre is set out in the table below.

Housing Service Centre	As at 31 October 2024 (days)*	As at 31 October 2025 (days)*
Logan	n/a	n/a
Ipswich	n/a	n/a
Moreton Bay	n/a	n/a
Inala	n/a	72
Chermside	22	73
Bayside	n/a	n/a
Buranda	n/a	46
Fortitude Valley	539	43
Townsville	n/a	182
Cairns	111	49
Mackay	n/a	n/a
Gold Coast	160	n/a
Maroochydore	118	3
Rockhampton	n/a	n/a
Toowoomba and South West	6	n/a
Bundaberg	n/a	n/a
Mount Isa	61	n/a
Thursday Island	n/a	n/a
Emerald	41	165
Gladstone	n/a	64
Maryborough	33	n/a
Medium (median) time	111	72

* Not applicable (n/a) has been used in this table where there are no dwellings in this category