

**PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITING LIST**

*Questions without Notice 130 and 139 — Answer Advice*

**HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House)** [5.01 pm]: On behalf of the Minister for Housing, I would like to provide an answer to Hon Colin de Grussa's question without notice 130 and Hon Steve Martin's question without notice 139 asked on 25 May.

I seek leave to have them incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

**Question without notice 130 —**

(1)–(2) Prior to coming to government in March 2017, as at January 2017 the average wait list times for public housing waiting list was 148 weeks and there were 17,732 applications on the waiting list.

As at 30 April 2021, the average wait time for the public housing waiting list reduced to 100 weeks, there were 16,660 applications on the waiting list. A breakdown of the regional waiting list is attached.

Region	Wait Turn
North Metropolitan	5,521
South Metropolitan	3,169
East Metropolitan	2,654
Great Southern	539
Southwest	1,201
Goldfields	451
Midwest/ Gascoyne	924
Pilbara	730
West Kimberley	758
Wheatbelt	333
East Kimberley	380
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,660</b>

The number of wait turn applicants as at 30 April 2021.

Metropolitan Preference Zones	Wait Turn
North Central	1,117
North City	990
North East Metro	1,331
North West Metro	1,022
Northern Districts	1,061
Fremantle	1,352
Kwinana	963
Peel	854
Armadale	1,007
Cannington	1,276
Victoria Park	371

(3) There are numerous reasons that may result in applicants remaining on the public housing wait list for an extended period and this is dependent on the individual circumstances of the client.

This may include that they currently have secured a private lease and they do not wish to exit, however they remain eligible for public housing assistance and wish to retain their application on the waiting list.

The longest existing wait turn applicant has been on the waiting list for 16.7 years, however, this is a significant outlier and not reflective of the wait list as a whole. Without going into the personal details of the applicant, they are currently in a stable housing arrangement.

(4) (a)–(b) The Social Housing Economic Recovery Package (SHERP) was announced in June 2020 and as at 30 April 2021 has awarded \$41,241,000 and is estimated to have generated approximately \$85 million in additional economic activity.

There has been significant planning work undertaken since late last year to facilitate delivery of the SHERP. The first two homes under this package are due to be delivered by the end July 2021.

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**Question without notice 139 —**

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The McGowan Government is investing nearly \$1 billion into new public housing stock, refurbishment of existing stock, and homeless support services programs including the Social Housing Economic Recovery Package and the Housing and Homelessness Investment Package.

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