

PUBLIC HOUSING — WAITLIST — PORT HEDLAND AND SOUTH HEDLAND

917. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to reports of homelessness in Port Hedland and South Hedland.

- (1) How many residents of Port Hedland and South Hedland are on the housing waitlist?
- (2) Separately, how many one, two, three and four-bedroom dwellings are managed by the Department of Communities for the purpose of social housing in Port Hedland and South Hedland?
- (3) How many of these are currently vacant?
- (4) Of the vacant dwellings, how many are considered unfit for habitation in their current state?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) As at 31 October 2021, there were 343 applications on the public housing waitlist for Port Hedland and South Hedland preference zones.
- (2)–(4) As at 31 October 2021, there was a total of 668 public housing properties in Port Hedland and South Hedland. Of these, 30 vacant properties were undergoing maintenance and will be re-tenanted, with a further 18 undergoing assessment for their future use.

As part of the record \$875 million investment into social housing, the single largest investment into social housing in the history of the state, the McGowan government committed \$12.8 million to carry out building assessments on public housing and Government Regional Officer Housing assets. This, along with maintenance funding under the social housing economic recovery package and business-as-usual funding, will help these properties stay in the system longer.

I seek leave to have the information, which is in tabular form, incorporated into *Hansard*.

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

Public Housing Stock – Port and South Hedland as at 31 October 2021	
Dwelling Type	Total
Singles 1 bedroom	41
Singles 2 bedroom	4
Seniors 1 bedroom	35
Family 2 bedroom	190
Family 3 bedroom	339
Family 4 bedroom	55
Family 5 bedroom	3
Family 6+ bedroom	1
Total	668