

PUBLIC HOUSING — INVESTMENT

538. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Housing:

For the period since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020:

- (a) How many government homes (any housing units) have been sold;
- (b) How many homes (any housing units) have been bought;
- (c) How many government homes (any housing units) have been refurbished;
- (d) How many government homes (any housing units) have been built; and
- (e) How many additional short term crisis accommodation homes (any housing units) have been:
  - (i) built;
  - (ii) purchased; and
  - (iii) made available through other arrangements such as leasing?

**Mr J.N. Carey replied:**

From 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2022:

(a)

	1 Jan 2020 – 30 June 2020	1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021	1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022
<b>Sales</b>	125	159	34

*This includes sales of GROH properties that are no longer required or no longer meeting agency requirements.*

Of the 34 homes sold in the last financial year, 13 were sold to tenants which transitions individuals from social housing into home ownership. The other sales include where heritage concerns or refurbishments costs are greater than the cost to rebuild or where there is no demand for the type of housing. Proceeds from the sale of government homes are reinvested back into the social housing system.

- (b)–(d) A total of 772 social housing dwellings have been added to stock including 600 that have been delivered in the 2021/22 financial year. This includes 399 dwellings spot purchased and 373 constructed. A further 861 houses are currently under contract or construction

On top of this, 505 social housing dwellings have been refurbished through the Social Housing Economic Recovery Package and Housing and Homelessness Investment Package refurbishment programs with a further 465 dwellings contracted for refurbishment. This figure does not include void maintenance/refurbishment works that are completed after a tenancy is vacated.

- (e) (i)–(iii) Most crisis accommodation places are delivered through contracted service providers. It would take significant resources and time to provide this data. However, in the last financial year, capacity in crisis accommodation has increased by 102 places.

It should be noted that in the financial year 2022-23, The Department has allocated \$43 million over 53 service providers to deliver almost 1,000 short stay, crisis and transitional places for individuals and families.

As part of homelessness service agreements, brokerage is provided to service providers that can be used to appropriately help individuals, including the provision of crisis accommodation where needed.