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The Hon Rosemary Armitage MLC
Chair
Legislative Council Select Committee
Estimates B
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Dear Chair

I refer to your correspondence of 17 November 2025 requesting a response to the following question and provide a response below.

DIVISION 6 – DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Output Group 4 – Regulatory and Other Services

Output Group 4.3 - Consumer, Building and Occupational Services

1. Provide detail and frequency of ABS data in relation to private rental bonds and whether this data can be made available on CBOS website. (LE&MW)

Response:

The Department of Justice provides rental bond data to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on a monthly basis. The latest data was uploaded on 18 November 2025.

The supplied Tasmanian data is published on the ABS website at: <https://www.data.gov.au/data/organization/departments-of-justice-tasmania>, under the title 'Rental Bond and Rental Data [DATE to DATE]' for a relevant reporting period. The data can then be opened in a spreadsheet.

The data is published monthly by the ABS.

Each dataset includes the fields:

- suburb
- state
- postcode
- bond amount¹
- weekly rent
- bond lodgement date

¹ https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0024/99402/LC-Est-B-Barnett-Monday-17-Nov-2025.pdf

- bond activation date
- number of bedrooms
- dwelling or premises type
- length of tenancy (in months)
- housing type.

The purpose of collecting and publishing the data is to support transparency in the rental market, inform housing policy, and enable statistical analysis of rental trends across Tasmania.

This process ensures compliance with government data-sharing obligations and contributes to evidence-based decision-making for housing and tenancy regulation.

Although making the data available on the Tasmanian Government website may seem convenient, it would duplicate information already published and maintained on the official data.gov.au platform. The national portal ensures consistency, transparency, and compliance with open data standards, and is the authoritative source for government datasets.

It is possible, however, to put a link on the CBOS website directing stakeholders and other interested persons to the ABS-managed platform. Action will be taken to implement this change by the end of November 2025.

Thank you for writing to me about these important matters, I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Barnett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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