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Ms Helen Burnet MP
Independent Member for Clark

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Dear Ms Burnet

In Parliament on 20 May 2026 you asked the following question:

My question is from John - not his real name - who has just clocked up five years on the Priority 1 housing list. When will something become available for him and something that he can move into?

Thank you for your question. Social Housing applications are assessed using the Housing Assessment Prioritisation System. Applications are assessed at three levels of need: highest priority, standard priority or general. Applicants moving from crisis or transitional homelessness accommodation or exiting from institutional care settings or a health facility (custodial arrangements, foster care or child safety residential placements or hospital) into homelessness are assessed as highest priority.

The most recent Dashboard data shows the average wait time for the highest priority applicants is 87.9 weeks, however, the length of time before an applicant receives an offer for social housing is affected by both their housing needs and the availability of suitable properties. Applicants requiring a specific number of bedrooms, accessible housing, or housing in a particular suburb or region may experience different wait times.

John should be encouraged to reach out to Housing Connect and ensure his application is up to date or contact my office and we can seek an update from Homes Tasmania on John's behalf.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Housing and Planning