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The President, **Mr Farrell**, took the Chair at 11.00 a.m., acknowledged the Traditional People and read Prayers.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

32. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - WORKER ACCOMMODATION

Ms LOVELL asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, **Mrs HISCUTT** -

- (1) Provide a list of residential dwellings currently owned by the department with a breakdown by suburb/town, date of build, date of purchase/build, number of bedrooms, last valuation amount and the occupation groups that the accommodation is made available to.
- (2) Provide for each of the last five years, the number of residential dwellings owned, purchased or built by the department and the number sold by the department.
- (3) Provide any strategy that the Department has or is considering specifically for increasing the availability of residential dwellings for health workers around Tasmania.

Mrs HISCUTT replied - I have an answer to question no. 32 on the Notice Paper for the member for Rumney. The answer is lengthy and has tables. If the member for Rumney is okay with this, I seek leave to have the answer tabled and incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

See Appendix 1 for incorporated answer (page 3).

SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) (by leave) - Mr President, I move - That -

So much of Standing and Sessional Orders relating to special interest matters be suspended for this week's sittings, and

So much of Standing Orders relating to Question Time be suspended for today's and tomorrow's sittings.

Mr President, speaking to those two motions, I have explained to members the reasons for them; I will not go into these now. Just be assured that Question Time will be clarified, and any time made up on Thursday, if and when is necessary.

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) -
Mr President, I move -

That at its rising, the Council adjourn until 11 a.m., Wednesday 27 September 2023.

Motion agreed to.

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) -
Mr President, before I move the adjournment, I ask members to please stay in the Chamber for a few minutes after the adjournment.

Mr President, I move -

That the Council do now adjourn.

The Council adjourned at 11.08 a.m.

Appendix 1

QUESTION ON NOTICE Question No. 32 of 2023 Legislative Council

*Tabled and
incorporated
into Hansard
L. Hiscutt
26 sept 2023*

ASKED BY: Hon Sarah Lovell MLC

Member for Rumney

ANSWERED BY: Hon Leonie Hiscutt MLC

QUESTION:

Health Worker Accommodation

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2. Provide for each of the last 5 years, the number of residential dwellings owned, purchased or built by the Department and the number sold by the Department.
3. Provide any strategy that the Department has or is considering specifically for increasing the availability of residential dwellings for health workers around Tasmania.

ANSWER:

1. Refer to Attachment I
2. Refer to table below:

Owned Residential Properties For the last 5 years					
	30/06/2023	30/06/2022	30/06/2021	30/06/2020	30/06/2019
Number of dwellings owned (residential houses and properties as part of hospital site)	91	91	88	89	88
Number of dwellings purchased	0	0	2		2
Number of dwellings built	0	0	1		
Number of dwellings sold	0	0		1	1

3. The Department of Health provides accommodation support to eligible health staff, including newly recruited staff from interstate and overseas, rotating medical registrars, senior clinical staff, health executives and agency staff. This accommodation support can be in the form of hotel-style accommodation, short or longer-term accommodation in Crown-owned or leased properties, or financial allowances to support health staff to finance their own sourced accommodation.

As part of Health Workforce 2040 strategy (Action 5.08), a review of the policy and processes around health staff accommodation has commenced with a view to provide accommodation support more efficiently and economically, while supporting the service delivery requirements of the Department.

This project is in line with work already being undertaken by Infrastructure, as part of the Department's Residential Accommodation Reform Project to implement centralised governance to improve and standardise the management of residential leases.

The Department has also contributed to consultation with Homes Tasmania in their development of the Tasmanian Housing Strategy Action Plan, to assist in developing a framework for key worker rental accommodation.

The Tasmanian Government has partnered with the Australian Government on the Macquarie Point Urban Renewal project. In consultation with key stakeholders and the community, we are now creating a refreshed precinct plan, which will include affordable housing for key workers to support health services.

The Tasmanian Government is establishing Regional Strategic Partnerships around Tasmania that will include a focus on building more homes and having essential services and supports in line with regional needs.

The first of these partnerships was with the West Coast Regional Council with the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 25 August 2023.

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED



Hon Guy Barnett MP
Minister for Health

13 September 2023

Attachment 1: Department of Health Worker Accommodation

Location	Number of Buildings in Location	Number of Bedrooms per Building	Construction	Date of purchase	Valuation (FAIR)	Tenant as required	Comment on Valuation
Allonah	1	3	1982	16/09/1985	\$565,000	Nurses-Doctor	
Huonville	1	2	1971	31/10/1996	\$465,000	Ambulance	
New Norfolk	1	2	1970	6/10/1995	\$515,000	Ambulance	
Nubeena	1	3	1997	20/03/2009	\$300,000	Ambulance	
Oatlands	1	2	2006	31/01/2012	\$510,000	UTAS Students	
Triabunna	1	2	1900	18/03/2004	\$250,000	Ambulance	
Triabunna	1	2	1985	2/12/2008	\$200,000	Ambulance	
Ouse	4	2	2011	6/10/1995	\$0	Council occupied as part of hospital closure arrangements	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Cooee	6	2	1984	N/A	\$0	Nurses-Doctor	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Currie King Is	1	3	1977	8/03/1994	\$460,000	Nurses	
Currie King Is	1	4	1979	30/06/1988	\$600,000	Leased to Ochre Health	
Currie King Is	1	4	1973	22/06/2018	\$580,000	Director of Nursing	
Currie King Is	6	2	2016	24/10/2023	\$1,250,000	Nurses	
Currie King Is	1	3					
Currie King Is	1	8	1968	N/A	\$0	Nurses	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Currie King Is	1	1	1968	N/A	\$0	Nurse Unit Manager	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Currie King Is	1	3	1968	N/A	\$0	UTAS Students	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Latrobe	1	2	1964	1/07/2017	\$1,260,000	Nurses-Doctor	
Latrobe	1	2	1964	1/07/2017		Nurses-Doctor	
Latrobe	1	2	1964	1/07/2017		Nurses-Doctor	
Latrobe	5	2	1964	1/07/2017	\$1,575,000	Nurses-Doctor	
Queenstown	1	3	1970	23/03/1994	\$240,000	Ambulance	
Queenstown	1	6	1975	8/03/1994	\$350,000	Nurses	
Queenstown	3	3	1975	1/02/2007	\$435,000	Nurses	
Queenstown	1	2	1950	23/03/1994	\$220,000	Nurses	
Queenstown	1	3	1930	27/08/2020	\$325,000	-	

Rosebery	1	3	1970	8/03/1994	\$255,000	Nurses-Doctor	
Smithton	1	2	2021	N/A	\$310,000	Ambulance	
Smithton	1	10	1962	22/07/2020	\$0	UTAS Students (6) and nurses accommodation (4) Redeveloped by UTAS on 30 year lease - on hosp site	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Strahan	1	3	2005	8/03/1994	\$0	Ambulance	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Sulphur Creek	1	5	1947	5/01/1993	\$780,000	Vacant (previously NGO City Mission), identified for sale	
Zeehan	1	3	1985	18/03/2004	\$250,000	Ambulance	
Zeehan	1	3	1982	23/07/1999	\$280,000	Ambulance (requires maintenance to be resided in)	
Scottsdale	1	12	1976	N/A	\$0	UTAS students and Nurses/Aged care (11 rooms and 1 matrons flat)	No individual valuation part of whole of site
Campbell Town	1	2	2020	8/03/1994	\$310,000	Ambulance	
Campbell Town	1	2	1989	29/05/2012	\$280,000	Nurses-Doctors	
Campbell Town	1	4	1920	29/05/2012	\$850,000	Nurse Home	
Campbell Town	1	3	1960	8/03/1994	\$365,000	Vacant (previously Ambulance), identified for sale	
Bridport	1	2	1950	30/06/1991	\$460,000	Vacant (previously nurses), identified for sale	
Deloraine	1	3	1987	8/07/2011	\$435,000	UTAS student accommodation	
George Town	1	2	1958	N/A	\$375,000	UTAS Students	
George Town	1	3	2019	25/06/2009	\$500,000	Nurses and doctors	

Launceston	24	2	1930	8/03/1994	\$2,500,000	Nurses- Doctor	
St Helens	1	2	2019	8/03/1994	\$370,000	Ambulance	
St Helens	1	2	2010	28/09/2011	\$470,000	UTAS Students	
Whitemark Flinders	1	2	1969	13/03/2013	\$630,000	Nurses	
Whitemark Flinders	1	3	1955	N/A	\$735,000	Nurses	
Whitemark Flinders	1	2	1955	3/02/2017	\$500,000	Director of Nursing	
Whitemark Flinders	1	3	2021	3/06/2019	\$350,000	Ochre Health	