Priority Housing List

Ms BURNET question to MINISTER for HOUSING, PLANNING and CONSUMER AFFAIRS

My question is from my constituent Jamie in Glenorchy, who, from next month, has been waiting four years on the priority housing list.

'Minister, my name is Jamie. I am living with mental and physical disabilities and I am on a disability support pension. I rent privately, which I cannot afford on the disability support pension, much of which goes towards medical bills. I am afraid my rent will be increased further and wonder why so many new homes are being sold and so few are going towards social housing. If a priority applicant is waiting for four years, does the word 'priority' mean anything at all? How will you address my situation and the needs of over 4000 people on the priority housing list?'