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Dear Chair

I am pleased to provide the following answers to questions taken on notice during the committee's scrutiny of the Housing and Planning ministerial portfolio on 4 June 2026. I apologise for the delay in providing these answers.

HOMES TASMANIA

1. *How many maintenance contractors are on the Homes Tasmania Contractor Panel per region, and who are they?*

Contracts have been awarded to 34 Contractors in the south for services commencing 1 July 2025, and 47 contractors in the north for services commencing 1 July 2026.

The list of contractors is as follows:

South

- Abode Restoration
- Ausflet Glass & Aluminium
- CP Group
- Dyson Painters
- EGS Electric Gas Solar
- Gutter Vac
- HC Electrical & Air Conditioning
- Howrah Plumbing
- Iconic Energy
- J & J Plumbing & Gasfitting
- JBC Plumbing
- Kingborough Carpet Care
- LCI Building & Contracting
- Max Coombes & Son
- Precision Contractors
- Sackett Services
- Tasmanian Tree Care
- AC Plumbing Services
- Contact Group
- Detector Inspector
- Easton Painting
- Fairbrother Pty Ltd
- Haven Built
- Hobart Gutter Vacuuming
- Iconic Air
- IPM Consulting
- Jacksons Security
- JC Maintenance & Contracting
- Lake Maintenance
- Matrix Security
- Parr's Heat Pump Centre
- Prensa
- Scenic Screens & Blinds
- Underpinning Resources

North

- Access Hardware (TAS) Pty Ltd - t/a Jacksons Security
- Bright Commercial and Housing Cleaning Service
- Cambridge Painting Pty Ltd
- CNE Consulting (Tas) Pty Ltd
- CP Group Tasmania Pty Ltd
- Cullen Gas Pty Ltd
- Decon Developments Pty Ltd
- EGS Electric Gas Solar
- Fairbrother Pty Ltd
- Guyton Construction
- Jamail Holdings Pty Ltd t/a JP Flynn Builders
- JLJ Building & Maintenance
- Kleen Green Plumbing
- Launceston Plumbing & Gas Pty Ltd
- Matrix Security Integration
- MKC23 Constructions P/L (Mat Coates)
- Pickle Plumbing & Gas Pty Ltd
- Prensa Pty Ltd
- RTC Facilities Maintenance (TAS) Pty Limited
- Stephen Scott Plumbing
- Summers Floors P/L
- Thrive Lifecare Pty Ltd
- Underpinning Resources
- WBE Services
- Bluegum Grounds Maintenance
- Building Improvement Specialists (TAS) Pty Ltd - BISTas
- Cameron Conroy Plumbing & Gasfitting Pty Ltd ATF
- Contact Electrical Pty Ltd trading as Contact Group
- Crown Property Services
- Davis Contracting Building Group
- Detector Inspector (TAS) Pty Ltd
- Elphinstone Enterprises Pty Ltd
- Gutter-Vac Northern & Southern Tasmania
- HC Electrical & Air Conditioning Pty Ltd
- Jarman Discretionary Trust T/A W.E.L.S.S Home Maintenance
- Kingsley Jarman Fencing
- Lake Maintenance (TAS) Pty Ltd
- Little Dog Construction Pty Ltd
- Mendelssohn Construction Pty Ltd
- Palmers Plumbing & Hardware Pty Ltd
- PRC Alltrades
- RDW Roofing Tasmania
- SI Elegant Cleaning Pty Ltd
- Steve Ling Building
- Tas City Building Pty Ltd
- Total Pest Management
- Verito

2. *How many property titles does Homes Tasmania own?*

As of 30 April 2026, Homes Tasmania has 8,884 distinct titles recorded against assets in the Housing Management System. Titles cover all assets, including dwellings and vacant land. This may also include easements. Some titles have multiple dwellings.

Nb. There are known differences between Homes Tasmania records and The LIST database due to a delay in progressing updates and notification of when changes to titles are made.

3. *How many houses does Homes Tasmania own?*

Homes Tasmania has 13,721 dwellings it owns or has an interest in recorded in the Housing Management System as of 30 April 2026.

4. *How many property titles for Homes Tasmania properties are held by community housing providers under tenancy management agreements?*

As of 30 April 2026, Community Housing Providers were responsible for the management of 6,187 dwellings and 65 backyard units.

5. *How many titles have been transferred to community housing provider ownership?*

As of 30 April 2026, 391 dwellings have been transferred to community housing providers.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE GROWTH
Output Group 8 – Housing and Planning
8.2 Infrastructure and Delivery

1. *How many matters relating to planning have been lodged on the “Red Tap Reduction Portal”, and what red tape have you addressed as a result?*

As of 9 June 2026, there have been 21 submissions received through the Red Tape Reduction Portal on matters relating to planning.

Many of the submissions received raised concern with having to comply with legitimate regulation either through the planning or building legislation and various provisions in the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

Red tape reduction informed the drafting of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, including the common provisions contained in the State Planning Provisions, which included ‘no permit required’ or ‘permitted’ pathways for straightforward proposals that comply with quantitative standards. The Tasmanian Government regularly reviews these standards to make sure they continue to align with current community expectations. The existing review of the State Planning Provisions addresses matters raised in submissions received through the portal.

A key area for red tape reduction being considered relates to the assessment processes and timeframes for development applications, including requests for additional information. These matters, along with others, have been broadly discussed in a Position Paper titled ‘Preventing delays in development assessment timeframes’, released for public consultation for a two-month period, concluding 8 May 2026. A further 27 submissions were received during that consultation which are being reviewed to inform improvements to the process. Some amendments are being progressed through the Land Use Planning and Approvals (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2026.

Other reforms being progressed in relation to submissions include:

- the proposed increase to the allowable floor area for secondary residences (granny flats) from 60m² to 90m²; and
- review of planning requirements relating to agritourism in response to the Tasmanian Agritourism Regulatory Review Report.

Yours sincerely



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