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Dr Shane Broad MP
Member for Braddon

Dear Dr Broad

Thank you for your Constituency Question seeking data on unoccupied social housing properties.

There are a number of reasons why social housing properties may be vacant from time to time, including due to maintenance of the strategic management of the social housing portfolio across Tasmania. This is to ensure that our social housing properties are redeveloped, disposed of, or retained to meet the requirements for housing for Tasmanians into the future.

As at 30 April 2024, 98 per cent of Tasmania's social housing portfolio of approximately 13,000 properties were tenanted.

Of the 256 social housing properties either owned and/or managed by Homes Tasmania or community housing providers that were unoccupied, 108 were usual vacancy maintenance including 4 properties that were vacant for longer than six months. 148 were offline including 86 properties that were vacant for longer than six months.

The average vacancy period is 28 days which is in line with the national average.

A suburb breakdown is provided along with the number of properties that have been vacant for longer than six months, as you have requested. When properties have been vacant for longer than six months, the reason for this vacancy is provided.

Yours sincerely

Hon Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Housing and Planning

Attachment - Unoccupied social housing properties

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Suburb	Usual Vacancy	Offline	Total	Vacant for longer than 6 months	Reason for vacancy for longer than 6 months
ACTON		3	3	3	1 To be sold, 2 To be redeveloped
BEACONSFIELD	1		1		
BELLERIVE	2	2	4	1	1 Major upgrade/repairs
BERRIDALE		3	3		
BLACKMANS BAY		2	2	1	1 Insurance
BRIDGEWATER	5	4	9	1	1 Insurance
BURNIE		10	10	10	10 Major upgrade/repairs
CAMPBELL TOWN		1	1		
CHIGWELL	3	2	5	2	2 Strategic assessment
CLARENDON VALE	4	1	5	1	1 Insurance
CLAREMONT		6	6	3	3 Insurance
COLEBROOK		1	1	1	1 Strategic assessment
CYGNET		1	1	1	1 Insurance
DELORAINE	1	1	2		
DERWENT PARK		1	1	1	1 Insurance
DEVONPORT	10	7	17	4	4 Insurance
EAST DEVONPORT		6	6	4	3 Awaiting allocation for Specialist Disability Accommodation, 1 Insurance
GAGEBROOK	4	3	7	3	3 Insurance
GEEVESTON		1	1	1	1 Major upgrade/repairs
GEORGE TOWN		9	9	5	3 Insurance, 1 To be redeveloped, 1 Strategic Assessment
GLENORCHY	3	10	13	5	1 Strategic assessment, 4 Insurance
GOODWOOD	2	1	3		
HERDSMANS COVE	2	1	3	1	1 Insurance
HOBART	2	2	4	1	1 Insurance
HUNTINGFIELD	1		1		
HUONVILLE		1	1		
INVERMAY		4	4	2	2 Insurance
KINGS MEADOWS	1	2	3	1	1 Insurance
KINGSTON	6	6	12	5	4 Insurance, 1 Major upgrade/repairs
LATROBE	1		1		
LAUNCESTON		1	1		
LENAH VALLEY		1	1		
LONGFORD	1	3	4	2	2 Insurance
LUTANA	1	1	2		
MAYFIELD	1	3	4	1	1 Insurance
MIANDETTA		1	1	1	1 Insurance
MOONAH	6	1	7	1	1 Insurance
NEW NORFOLK	5	1	6	1	1 Insurance
NEW TOWN		2	2	2	1 Insurance, 1 Strategic assessment
NEWSTEAD		1	1		
NORTH HOBART	1	2	3	1	1 Insurance
PENGUIN	2		2		
PERTH		1	1	1	1 Insurance
PROSPECT	2		2		
PROSPECT VALE	1	1	2	1	1 Management transfer
PUNCHBOWL		1	1		
QUEENSTOWN	1		1		
RAVENSWOOD	4	10	14	8	8 Insurance
ROCHERLEA	3	1	4	1	1 Insurance
ROKEBY	1	1	2	1	1 Management transfer

Suburb	Usual Vacancy	Offline	Total	Vacant for longer than 6 months	Reason for vacancy for longer than 6 months
ROMAINE	2		2		
ROSETTA	1		1		
SANDY BAY		2	2	1	1 Major upgrade/repairs
SCOTTSDALE	1	1	2	1	1 Insurance
SHEFFIELD		1	1		
SHOREWELL PARK		1	1	1	1 Insurance
SMITHTON	1	1	2		
SOMERSET	2	1	3		
SORELL	1		1		
SOUTH HOBART	2	3	5	1	1 Major upgrade/repairs
SOUTH LAUNCESTON		2	2		
STANLEY	1		1		
ST HELENS		1	1		
ST LEONARDS	1	1	2	2	1 Insurance, 1 Insurance and Management Transfer
ST MARYS	1	1	2	1	1 Insurance
SUMMERHILL	1	3	4	1	1 Insurance and Management Transfer
TRANMERE	1		1		
TRIABUNNA		1	1	1	1 Insurance
UPPER BURNIE	3		3		
WARRANE	2		2		
WAVERLEY	2	2	4	2	1 Insurance, 1 Major upgrade/repair
WEST HOBART	1	1	2		
WEST LAUNCESTON	2	1	3	1	1 Insurance
WEST MOONAH	3	1	4		
WYNYARD	3	1	4		
Total	108	148	256	90	