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Ms Ella Haddad MP
Member for Clark

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Dear Ms Haddad

In the House on 23 September 2025 you asked the following question:

My question comes from my Clark constituent, Jamie, who has been on the housing wait list for over four years. Jamie is one of the more than 5,200 applicants waiting on the list, which has grown by more than 500 since the same time last year. How much longer can people on the wait list, like Jamie, expect to wait to be safely housed? Jamie and others are tired of being told year after year that they're missing out because demand is high. Why is your government failing so badly to provide urgent social and government housing for Tasmanians in need?

It is not possible to provide a set time frame for the allocation of social housing, as every case is assessed on its own merits. The time it takes for a person to be offered housing is dependent on the type of housing they want, the suburbs they select and other requirements, such as accessibility features, or specific requirements such as standalone premises, proximity to public transport and health services. Applicants are also prioritised according to those with the most urgent housing need.

We are also seeing a shift in the housing needs of Tasmanians, with more than 4000 people on the housing waitlist seeking one or two-bedroom properties. Construction of new homes is focussed on addressing this need.

Our housing strategy seeks to increase housing options for Tasmanians by providing more homes, supporting greater housing supply, and helping more people achieve home ownership. Our goal is to deliver 10,000 additional social and affordable homes by 2032 and, as of August 2025, more than 4,358 homes and land lots have been delivered, representing 43.6 per cent of our target.

I encourage Jamie to continue to communicate with Housing Connect and consider other options available to him, including the Private Rental Incentive Program and the Affordable Housing programs offered by community housing providers.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Housing and Planning