



Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid

Hearing Date: 7 February 2025

Question[s] taken on notice

Directed to: Homes Victoria

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1. **Joe McCracken, page 27**

Question Asked to Madeline DI PIETRANTONIO:

What was the allocation? Where are the 34 homes going, please?

Response:

Regional Housing Fund homes in the Central Highlands:

LGA	Suburb	Homes Completed	In Planning/ Due diligence	Total Homes
Ararat	Ararat	1		
Ararat total		1	5	6
	Alfredton	1		
	Delacombe	2		
	Mount Clear	1		
	Mount Pleasant	1		
	Sebastopol	2		
	Wendouree	5		
Ballarat total		12	12	24
	Creswick	1		
	Daylesford	1		
Hepburn total		2		2
	Bacchus Marsh	2		2
Moorabool Total		2		2
Total		17	17	34

The above table provides a breakdown of complete dwellings by suburb. For dwellings that are in early planning and or in due diligence, local government areas are provided only as the suburb's location is subject to change, depending on the outcome of the planning process and due diligence assessment.

The target of 34 homes has already been exceeded and we are committing to deliver additional public homes in Ararat (3 homes), Ballarat (6 homes), Moorabool (2 homes).

2. **Rikkie-Lee TYRRELL, page 29**

Question Asked to Simon NEWPORT:

Following on from Mr Galea's question talking about Aboriginal people and people in domestic violence crises, when it comes to prioritising the housing waitlist, if there is no housing left for those demographics, do they then have priority on other waitlists as well? Do they push other people that have been on the waitlist further down? I am just trying to find where the gaps are, because we are seeing the homelessness crisis, say, in Shepparton increase. I just want to make sure that other demographics are addressed as well.

Response:

- Allocations into public and community housing are both undertaken through the Victorian Housing Register (VHR), the single waiting list for social housing in Victoria.
- Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria for social housing are placed on the VHR according to their housing need. The VHR consists of two application types:
 - Priority Access: This is for people most in need of housing.
 - Register of Interest: This is for people who do not meet priority access eligibility criteria but are seeking to live in social housing.
- A household may be eligible for priority access to social housing for a range of reasons, including if they are homeless and receiving support, are escaping or have escaped family violence, have a disability or significant support needs or if they need to move for health reasons.
- Decisions about who is assessed as eligible for priority access to social housing are made in line with the Victorian Housing Register Operational Guidelines, the Public Housing Allocations Operational Guidelines and the Community Housing Allocations Framework. These documents outline the criteria and parameters for assessing eligibility for social housing, including eligibility for priority access.
- When a social housing property becomes available, a matching exercise is undertaken to consider the VHR applicants who are suitable for the dwelling size and location.

- For public housing dwellings, matching households are prioritised for housing based on their demonstrated housing need according to set eligibility criteria.
- Allocations are made to available properties to applications in highest priority category based on the date order of applications.
- One in every 10 people who are new applicants for social housing on the Victorian Housing Register are Aboriginal Victorians. That's why 10 per cent of Victoria's new social housing dwellings delivered through programs such as the Big Housing Build and Regional Housing Fund will be targeted to meet the needs of Aboriginal Victorians.
- Additionally, 10 per cent of dwellings delivered through these programs will be targeted to victim survivors of family violence.
- Once these targeted properties have been allocated, eligible applicants within these specific cohorts will continue to be prioritised for allocations into public housing based on their demonstrated housing need.

3. **Jacinta ERMACORA, pages 30**

Question Asked:

... My particular interest in asking today is just to know about your progress in the south-west – Portland, Hamilton, Warrnambool, Camperdown – across all of your housing categories...

Madeline DI PIETRANTONIO: Are you just interested to understand from the Regional Housing Fund?

Jacinta ERMACORA: Each of the funds that you have got data on.

Response:

Information is provided for projects that are underway or completed across the Local Government Areas (LGAs) within South-west Victoria as at the end of February 2025. All homes are social homes. There are further projects which are in the planning stages which will add to these outcomes once approved. The key portfolios are the Big Housing Build (BHB), the Regional Housing Fund (RHF) plus other capital programs (which include Building Work Stimulus, Low-Rise Construction & Acquisitions and Social Housing Growth Fund (Non BHB)).

(Associated table provided on following page)

LGA	Suburb	Portfolio	Homes Completed	Homes Underway	Total Homes
Colac Otway	Colac	BHB	4	14	18
Colac Otway Total			4	14	18
Corangamite	Camperdown	BHB	3	13	16
	Cobden	BHB	6	0	6
Corangamite Total			9	13	22
Glenelg	Heywood	BHB	0	16	16
		BHB	24	37	61
	RHF	1	0	1	
	Portland Total		25	37	62
Glenelg Total			25	53	78
Moyne	Koroit	BHB	3	0	3
	Mortlake	BHB	0	10	10
Moyne Total			3	10	13
Southern Gramplans	Hamilton	BHB	44	0	44
		RHF	2	0	2
		Other	2	0	2
	Hamilton Total		48	1	49
Southern Gramplans Total			48	1	49
Warrnambool	Dennington	RHF	3	0	3
		BHB	32	75	107
	Warrnambool	RHF	1	0	1
		Other	11	22	33
	Warrnambool Total		44	97	141
Warrnambool Total			47	97	144
Grand Total			136	188	324

4. **Melina BATH, page 31**

Question Asked to Simon NEWPORT:

I will continue on in that stream and ask that you provide information for the Regional Housing Fund for – we could probably say all of the regions that you have identified in this map, but my interest is, parochially, on outer Gippsland and inner Gippsland. If you could take on notice which towns you anticipate being able to present houses, I think in answering Ms Ermacora’s question, both for the Regional Housing Fund and any other big build established dwellings.

Response:

Information is provided for projects that are underway or completed across the Local Government Areas (LGAs) within Outer and Inner Gippsland as at the end of February 2025. Homes are social homes unless denoted otherwise. There are further projects which are in the planning stages which will add to these outcomes once approved. The key portfolios are the Big Housing Build (BHB), the Regional Housing Fund (RHF) plus other capital programs (which include Building Work Stimulus and Low-Rise Construction & Acquisitions).

(Associated table provided on following page)

LGA	Suburb	Portfolio	Homes Completed	Homes Underway	Total Homes
Bass Coast	Cowes	BHB	0	5	5
	North Wonthaggi	BHB	5	9	14
	Wonthaggi	BHB	2	12	14
		RHF	2	0	2
		Other	0	0	0
Wonthaggi Total		4	12	16	
Bass Coast Total			9	26	35
Baw Baw	Drouin	BHB	16	6	22
	Moe	BHB	0	4	4
	Trafalgar	BHB	5	0	5
	Warragul	BHB	20	53	73
		RHF	0	6	6
		Other	0	1	1
Warragul Total		20	59	79	
Baw Baw Total			41	69	110
East Gippsland	Bairnsdale	BHB	7	36	43
		Other	0	0	0
	Bairnsdale Total		7	36	43
	East Bairnsdale	BHB	20	0	20
	Eastwood	BHB	4	0	4
		Other	1	0	1
	Eastwood Total		5	0	5
	Kalimna	RHF	1	0	1
Mallacoota*	Other	7	3	10	
Orbost	BHB	9	0	9	
East Gippsland Total			49	39	88
Latrobe	Churchill	BHB	22	0	22
	Moe	BHB	12	32	44
		Other	3	0	3
	Moe Total		15	32	47
	Morwell	BHB	37	30	67
		RHF	1	0	1
		Other	7	0	7
	Morwell Total		45	30	75
	Traralgon	BHB	11	54	65
		RHF	1	3	4
Other		3	0	3	
Traralgon Total		15	57	72	
Latrobe Total			97	119	216
South Gippsland	Korumburra	BHB	6	0	6
	Leongatha	RHF	2	0	2
South Gippsland Total			8	0	8
Wellington	Maffra	BHB	7	0	7
	Rosedale	BHB	2	0	2
	Sale	BHB	33	15	48
		RHF	3	0	3
		Other	2	0	2
	Sale Total		38	15	53
	Wurruk	BHB	10	0	10
		RHF	1	0	1
Wurruk Total		11	0	11	
Undisclosed**	Other	1	0	1	
Wellington Total			59	15	74
Grand Total			263	268	531

* Total for Mallacoota includes 4 completed and 2 underway affordable homes.

** Home location is undisclosed given the sensitive nature of its use.

5. **David DAVIS, pages 35-36**

Question Asked to Simon NEWPORT:

... They then indicate that they are going to demand a corporate plan 2022–26. So, it is very live and very appropriate to this exact position that we are in. I guess what I am asking is: is that corporate plan the one that is referred to on the website, and if so, will you provide a copy of that for the committee?

Response:

The Homes Victoria website does not refer to a specific corporate plan. A finalised Homes Victoria 2022-2026 Corporate Plan does not exist. It was in development but was not completed, approved by government or provided to the Department of Treasury and Finance. A new 2025-2030 Corporate Plan is in development.