



# Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

**Inquiry:** Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers

**Hearing date:** 5 August 2025

**Question taken on notice**

**Directed to:** OFFICE

**Received date:** 18 August 2025

## 1. The CHAIR, p.3

**Question asked:**

First off, you mentioned in your opening about freedom-of-information requests. I imagine that would have been a fairly extensive list of documents that you requested. Is that correct?

**Simon ROBINSON:** That is correct.

**The CHAIR:** Can you send us through a copy of the documents that you requested, if that is all right, and take it on notice?

**Response:** See Attachment 1

## 2. The CHAIR, p.3-4

**Question asked:**

Essentially, on those figures, give or take, it is about two-thirds of the price – maybe a little bit less. These reports are out in the public. Did the government come to you and say 'Well, how did you come to these figures' and 'Maybe you are on to something'?

**Simon ROBINSON:** No.

**The CHAIR:** What response did you get?

**Simon ROBINSON:** We presented it to Homes Victoria. There were not any questions.

**The CHAIR:** No questions?

**Simon ROBINSON:** It was a presentation –

**The CHAIR:** Sorry, let me just get this straight. You presented to Homes Victoria at a briefing of some sort?

**Simon ROBINSON:** Yes.

**The CHAIR:** Can we have a copy of the things that you presented to them as well if that is all right, thanks, just so we know what they have seen?

**Response:** See Attachment 2

**3. Ryan BATCHELOR, p.8**

**Question asked:**

We saw it both inside and outside the buildings. I am just concerned that some of the fundamentals which the proposal you have put forward have come from do not actually line up with what this committee has seen in terms of evidence.

The problem I have had with the structural engineers report also – it is very minor, but in the submission the pages are printed the wrong way around. Do you mind providing a separate copy of the structural engineering report to the committee? Because currently the pagination in the scan goes backwards and it is quite tricky to follow what is in your report and the text is a bit hard to read.

**Response:** See Attachment 3

**4. Aiv PUGLIELLI, p.10**

**Question asked:**

Are there examples in other states or internationally of public housing being refurbished to meet more modern standards?

**Simon ROBINSON:** Yes, a lot of examples overseas, especially Europe. We were lucky enough to visit about 20 estates built of a similar large concrete panel system that have been refurbished. A lot of these estates were refurbished with residents in place. We have combined this into a report, which is publicly available as well. In New South Wales, Homes NSW are refurbishing three towers at the moment – all public housing towers – so there are examples outside of Victoria that show that it is possible, definitely.

**Aiv PUGLIELLI:** Are you able to come back to the committee with a few of those examples that you have listed, even if they are already publicly available, just for the benefit of the committee?

**Response:** See Attachment 4 & 5