

Item 12.3**Notices of Motion****Numbers of Vacant Public Housing Homes in the City of Sydney**

By Councillor Ellsmore

It is resolved that Council note that:

- (A) Council resolved on 18 September 2023 for the Lord Mayor to write to the NSW Minister for Housing and Homelessness:
 - (i) expressing concern about reports that public housing is being kept untenanted for extended periods;
 - (ii) requesting information in relation to the number of vacant public housing dwellings in the City of Sydney Local Government Area; and
 - (iii) seeking urgent advice as to what action is being taken by the NSW Government to ensure public housing is not being left vacant, including when a potential renovation or redevelopment will take place at some future period; and
- (B) according to Answers to Supplementary Questions from NSW Parliament Budget Estimates 2023 Hearings – Housing:
 - (i) as of 1 November 2023, there were 267 public housing properties vacant (i.e. un-tenanted) in the City of Sydney Local Government Area;
 - (ii) of these, 114 properties were one-bedroom properties, 120 were two-bedroom, 27 were three-bedroom, and 6 had four or more bedrooms;
 - (iii) in total, the vacant properties included a total of 459 bedrooms; and
 - (iv) sixteen (16) of the 17 properties at 82 Wentworth Rd, Glebe were vacant.

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