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VACANT PUBLIC HOUSING WHILE WAITLISTS GROW

Shadow Minister for Housing, Michael Gunner, today asked the Minister for Housing, Bess Price, what was being done to fast track the allocation of 134 empty public housing dwellings to Territorians on the public housing waiting list.

"Under the CLP Public Housing waiting lists have blown out," Mr Gunner said.

"More than 600 people are waiting for public housing accommodation while more than 130 public housing dwellings sit empty in Alice Springs.

"Too many Territorians are struggling with homelessness with the high cost of living in the Territory making finding secure and affordable housing in the private market unattainable.

"It is appalling to think that while these Territorians in need are waiting, homes they could be living in are sitting empty."

Mr Gunner said the Minister for housing was unable to inform Parliament as to what her Department was doing to rectify this situation.

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