

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND HOUSING  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th JANUARY 2019**

**Question**

Can the Minister provide details of the latest waiting lists for Islanders who are seeking accommodation via the affordable housing gateway with a breakdown of time spent waiting and family demographics?

**Answer**

As at 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019, the total number of applications registered on the Affordable Housing Gateway waiting list was 2081. This figure consists of 838 applications for social rented accommodation and 1243 applications for assistance to purchase a home.

A breakdown of the total number of applications for social rented accommodation by bedroom requirement and band prioritisation is as set out below.

Property type	Private sector application	Social housing transfer	Total
Studio	37	9	46
One-bedroom	200	167	367
Two-bedroom	155	96	247
Three-bedroom	55	71	126
Four-bedroom	11	33	44
Five-bedroom	1	3	4
	<b>Total</b>		<b>838</b>

*Total number of applications for social rented accommodation by bedroom requirement*

Band	Number
Band 1 – Highest Priority e.g. homeless, under eviction notice, urgent medical issues, social housing transfer due to under-occupation.	237
Band 2 – Overcrowded conditions, poor housing standards, moderate medical issue.	295
Band 3 – Current accommodation is unaffordable on account of applicant's personal circumstances.	270
Band 4 – Applicants who wish to move but are able to re-house themselves in the private sector without financial assistance.	5
Band 6 – Agency referrals through the Supported Housing Group – applicants will have a package of care and support in order to live independently	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>838</b>

*Total number of applications for social rented accommodation by band prioritisation*

The total number of applications for assistance to purchase a home by bedroom requirement is as follows:

Bedroom requirement	Number of applications
One-bedroom	161
Two-bedroom	443
Three-bedroom	610
Four-bedroom	28
Five-bedroom	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1243</b>

*Total number of applications for assisted purchase by bedroom requirement*

The following table provides a breakdown of current applications by household composition, including social rented accommodation (Bands 1-4, 6) and assistance to purchase (Band 5):

Band	Couples - no children*	Couples - adult children only**	Couples with children	Single adults	Single parents	Total
Band 1	47	12	22	121	35	237
Band 2	26	4	100	86	79	295
Band 3	46	4	58	111	51	270
Band 4	1	n/a	n/a	4	n/a	5
Band 5	263	27	586	288	79	1243
Band 6	4	1	n/a	25	1	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>2081</b>

*Applications by household composition and band*

\*Refers to households including a children under the age of 18 years

\*\*Refers to households including an adult child aged 18 years and over

The following table shows the average waiting time in months for applications made since the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2017 to date. This only includes applications made by individuals who were eligible for affordable housing and were placed on the waiting list. The table has been broken down by band and by the current status of the application.

Band	*Active	**Housed	***On Offer	Overall Average
<b>Band 1</b>	7	3	3	4
<b>Band 2</b>	10	5	7	9
<b>Band 3</b>	12	7		12
<b>Band 4</b>	18			18
<b>Band 5</b>	13	8		13
<b>Band 6</b>	7	4		6
<b>Overall Average</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>

*Average waiting time by band*

\*Active: refers to applications that are currently on the waiting list and the average time elapsed since their application date

\*\* Housed: refers to applications that were on the waiting list and have been allocated a home and the average amount of time they waited.

\*\*\*On Offer: refers to applicants who have been offered a property to move into and are waiting to move in.

Up-to-date information on the number of applications registered with the Affordable Housing Gateway is published each month and is available at:

[www.gov.je/Home/RentingBuying/ApplicationAllocation/Pages/HowToApply.aspx](http://www.gov.je/Home/RentingBuying/ApplicationAllocation/Pages/HowToApply.aspx)