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Asked by: Adam Arreak Lightstone MLA for Iqaluit-Manirajak

Asked of: Hon. Margaret Nakashuk
Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation

Number: 091 – 5(2)

Date: June 9, 2021

Subject: Iqaluit Public Housing Stock

I am pleased to respond to this written question on behalf of the Nunavut Housing Corporation (NHC), submitted by Adam Arreak Lightstone, MLA for Iqaluit-Manirajak, regarding the public housing stock in Iqaluit.

The NHC is committed to delivering the Public Housing Program in all 25 Nunavut Housing communities. Public housing construction is prioritized using the NHC's needs-based allocation methodology.

2021

Question 1:

As of March 31, 2021, how many public housing units were maintained in Iqaluit?

Response:

As of March 31, 2021, 519 units were undergoing maintenance in Iqaluit.

Question 2:

As of March 31, 2021, how many of Iqaluit's public housing units were occupied?

Response:

As of March 31, 2021, 490 units were occupied.

Question 3:

As of March 31, 2021, how many of Iqaluit's public housing units were vacant and,

- a. Ready for occupancy;
- b. Required minor renovations and estimated date of completion;
- c. Required minor renovations and estimated date of completion; and
- d. Unsalvageable, and estimated date of teardown

Response:

- a. **Five units were in transition to be occupied.**
- b. **Six units were undergoing minor repairs. The estimated date for completion was June 30, 2021. The average completion rate for repairs is one week to three months, depending on the level of repairs required. COVID-19 restrictions in Iqaluit did cause some unplanned delays in the turnover rates this year.**
- c. **17 units were undergoing major repairs. The estimated date of completion is August 31, 2021. The average completion rate for major repairs ranges from three to 12 months, depending on the level of repairs needed and the material availability. Some major repairs are subject to sealift resupply delays.**
- d. **One unit was unsalvageable and demolished.**

2020

Question 4:

As of March 31, 2020, how many public housing units were maintained in Iqaluit?

Response:

As of March 31, 2020, 528 units were being maintained in Iqaluit.

Question 5:

As of March 31, 2020, how many of Iqaluit's public housing units were occupied?

Response:

As of March 31, 2020, 514 units were occupied.

Question 6:

As of March 31, 2020, how many of Iqaluit's public housing units were vacant and,

- a. Ready for occupancy;
- b. Required minor renovations;
- c. Required minor renovations; and
- d. Unsalvageable

Response:

- a. Four units were in the process of allocation or transition to occupation.**
- b. One unit was undergoing minor repairs.**
- c. Nine units were under major repairs.**
- d. No units were unsalvageable.**