

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Purick to the Minister for Territory Families and Urban Housing:

Houses leased within the Litchfield Council boundaries

1. How many houses does the Department of Territory Families and Urban Housing lease and operate specifically within the Litchfield Council boundaries and how many people are housed in each house and how many staff are allocated to each house?
2. Which locality do the care houses belong to: Humpty Doo, Girraween, Howard Springs or any other locality within the council boundaries?
3. How many care houses for youth under the direction and management of Territory Families are operated by non-government agencies, what are those agencies, how many people are housed in each house, how much funding is provided to each non-government agency and how many staff are allocated to each house?

Answer

- There are two houses currently operating within the Litchfield Council boundaries, both are in the locality of Howard Springs.
- The first is leased from The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (Department to Somerville Community Services through an Industry Housing arrangement. The house is a National Disability Insurance Scheme funded service. The house has five residents and there are approximately three to four staff per shift over a 24/7 roster.
- The second is operated by Life Without Barriers (LWB) to accommodate children in the care of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Department. The Department funds LWB up to \$1.146 million per annum for this house, noting that this is dependent on the number of young people in the service. The house is leased under private arrangements between LWB and the property owner. The house has capacity for up to four young people and there is a roster of two staff providing supports 24/7.
- Until 8 March 2021, ITEC Health operated one house within the Litchfield Council Boundaries to accommodate children in the care of the CEO of the Department. The house was leased under private arrangements between ITEC Health and the property owner. The house is now closed.