

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

**Home Building Certification Fund Scheme**

The Home Building Certification Fund Scheme covers a policy holder for the costs of 'Repairing, Replacing or Rectifying' Building work that was non-compliant at the time of construction.

**1. Why is the Home Building Certification Fund Scheme being used for the purposes of acquiring houses?**

Under the Home Building Certification Fund (HBCF), homeowners are offered a choice to seek reasonable costs of repair, replacement, rectification or other works required to remedy defects in construction. Alternatively, home owners can have their homes acquired by the NT Government should the house be found to have building defects which are deemed non-compliant with the National Construction Code (NCC) at the time of construction.

**2. How many properties have been purchased by the NT Government through the Home Building Certification Fund Scheme over the last 12 months? Please provide details including locations of each property.**

As at 31 March 2023, seven claims have been resolved and closed, eight are having works undertaken through the Fund, and one is under assessment.

**3. How much was spent by the NT Government on purchasing properties under the Home Building Certification Fund Scheme over the last 12 months? Please provide a breakdown of the costs of each purchase.**

HBCF expenditure in 2022-23 (to 31 March 2023) was \$1.2m

**4. Why did the NT Government recently purchase a residential property located at 53 James Circuit, Woodroffe? Was this part of a Home Building Certification Fund Claim?**

This property was covered under the HBCF scheme. The Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics has been working with the impacted

owners of homes built by George Milatos in 2012/13 using the Titan Building System.

**5. How much money was spent purchasing the property located at 53 James Circuit, Woodroffe?**

This is a matter between the NT Government and the owners of 53 James Circuit.

**6. Will this home be demolished? If so why?**

Relevant action will be taken under the HBCF.