

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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Portfolio: Housing and Homelands

Agency: Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Subject: Remote Public Housing Evictions Due to Unpaid Rent

QUESTION:

How many people have been evicted from their public housing in remote areas for not paying the rent in the last financial year?

ANSWER:

In recognition of the intersection between tenant vulnerability and financial stress, the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (the Department) has committed to reviewing debt under a model social landlord lens, and is implementing processes to effectively manage recoverable debt in remote public housing.

Department policy is intended to make the repayment of debts fair and equitable, while also placing an obligation on the Department to provide support and assistance to tenants where financial stress is identified.

Noting implementation of the above, and associated considerations, the Department did not terminate any remote public housing tenancies for not paying their rent, in the 2022-23 financial year to date.