

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Urban Housing:

Public and Community Housing Management

1. Can you please confirm that Venture Housing has terminated its tender/contract to manage approximately 300 social and affordable homes within the Northern Territory?
2. What was the reason for the termination of the contract?
3. How many homes are affected by the termination of the contract?
4. Is there any outstanding rent in relation to any of the homes affected?
 - a. If so, what steps are the NTG taking to recover the outstanding rent?
5. Does the Northern Territory Government have to pay compensation to Venture Housing?
 - a. If so, how much compensation was paid?
6. Does Venture Housing owe any money to the NTG as result of the Termination,
 - a. If so, how much money is outstanding?
 - b. If so, what steps are the NTG taking to recover the money?
7. Can you give a break down in relation to exactly what homes are affected, EG How many houses, how many units or apartments?
8. How many tenants are affected by the termination of this contract?
9. What is the current management process for the homes in question?
10. What is the current status of any outstanding maintenance work relating to any of the affected homes?
11. What is the future management process for the homes in question?
12. Is the management contract going to be re-tendered within the next 3 months, if not why not?
13. What is the cost of the termination of the contract to the Northern Territory Government?

NT Government's large-scale transfer of public housing properties to community housing providers:

14. When will the management of the 501 properties be transferred to community housing providers?
15. What happens with pre-existing complaints made against Territory Housing occupants?
16. What is the process for reporting NT Housing anti-social behaviour? It used to be an online form. What is the process now? What happens with anti-social complaints if they are going to the third-party provider?
17. Will Public Housing Safety Officers still be conducting enquiries made into complaints of anti-social behaviour? Or will their roles become redundant?
18. Will there be a reduction of the amount of Tenancy Officers employed by the NT Government?
19. Will the public still be able to contact the Territory Housing Safety / Security Officers through the NT Police line? Or are they being made redundant as well?
20. When is the general public, specifically the Karama, Malak and Moil residents, anticipated to hear from Mission Australia in relation to the management and policy relating to management of the 251 properties.
21. What was the Labor government's objective by transferring the Territory Housing occupants to a third-party provider? And why was this kept so secretive?
22. Will there be any cuts to the Territory Housing executives and employees as they are no longer required? This new outsourcing announcement indicates that they were unable to fulfil their jobs.
23. What will be the cost to the Territory tax payer in relation to the management of:
 - a. 251 properties in Darwin Northern Suburbs
 - b. 250 properties in Palmerston
24. What is the term of the contract in relation to both Mission Australia Housing and Venture Housing?