

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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From: Member for Nelson

To: Minister Uibo

Portfolio: Remote Housing & Homelands

Agency: Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Subject: Public housing dwellings damaged by criminal activity

QUESTION:

How many properties have been damaged by criminal activity?

ANSWER:

The cost of repairs for damage specifically related to criminal behaviour in public housing is not recorded in Departmental systems.

In public housing, property damage caused by crime is assessed on a case-by-case basis by Regional Services in the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (the Department) in consultation with the tenant and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics. Discretionary decision making applies.

The related records and information are saved in scanned files and case notes and is not captured in reportable fields. Repairs and maintenance records only identify if the damage is the "tenants responsibility" or the Department's responsibility.