

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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To: Hon Selena Uibo

Portfolio: Remote Housing and Homelands

Agency: Territory Families, Housing & Communities

Subject: Cost recovery in relation to criminal damage to property

QUESTION:

How many times you have sought to recover costs from the courts in relation to criminal damage to one of your properties, within the reporting period?

ANSWER:

To attempt cost recovery for criminal damage, the Chief Executive Officer (Housing) must file a complaint with the Police regarding damage.

If the alleged offender is charged by Police and found guilty by the Court, the Court may order restitution to the Chief Executive Officer (Housing) for the value of some or all the damage caused.

The Director of Public Prosecutions will lead these matters.

There have been no finalised incidents of cost recovery through the courts due to criminal damage in the last reporting period.