

Estimates Committee 2010 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Notices for antisocial behaviour

From:Ms Kezia Purick to Dr Chris Burns
Public and Affordable Housing

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Question: How many notices for antisocial behaviour were served on public housing tenants for Darwin, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy?

Answer:
Answered On: 16/06/2010
Answer: see attached for schedule of ABAs and ASB Complaints

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1.1 Urban Public Housing

Subject: Answer to Question on Notice 5.14

From: Member for Goyder To: Dr Chris Burns MLA

Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services

Number: 5.14

Question: How many notices for antisocial behaviour were served on public housing tenants for Darwin, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy?

Answer:

There are several ways in which antisocial behaviour (ASB) is dealt with – some of these actions are initiated to terminate the tenancy and evict the tenant and others are put in place in an attempt to have the tenant modify their behaviour and thereby sustain their tenancy.

One action that can be initiated when the ASB is serious and ongoing is to issue a Notice to Remedy (NTR) under section 96B of the Residential Tenancies Act. This provides the tenant with a short period of time to

modify their behaviour. Failure to do so results in an application to the Commissioner of Tenancies for termination of the tenancy.

If the ASB isn't serious enough to warrant eviction the tenant can be requested to enter into an Acceptable Behaviour Agreement (ABA) under section 18A of the Housing Act. If a tenant refuses to sign an ABA or repeatedly and/or seriously breaches the terms of the ABA this may result in an application to the Local Court for termination of the tenancy.

ABAs

In 2009–10 75 tenants entered into an ABA. A break down for each location is as follows:

Alice Springs 13
Darwin 61
Tennant Creek 1
Katherine 0
Nhulunbuy 0

NTRs

There were 29 NTR issued for antisocial behaviour across the Northern Territory in 2009-10 as follows:

Darwin 25
Alice Springs 2
Tennant Creek 2

Legislative Assembly Brief

MINISTER FOR PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Issue: ~~Antisocial Behaviour Statistics~~

Talking Points:

Antisocial Behaviour Generally

- A total of 1,555 antisocial behaviour complaints were recorded in the 2008-09 financial year.
- For 2009-10 to date, Territory Housing received 627 antisocial behaviour complaints. This compares to 1,351 for the same period last year.
- Territory Housing does not tolerate unacceptable behaviour and will move to eviction where it is clear that current initiatives will not work. 32% of evictions for 2009-10 to date have been antisocial behaviour related.

Antisocial Behaviour Complaints Statistics as at 30 April 2010

Region	Total Tenancies	2008-09 ASB Complaints		2009-10 ASB Complaints		ABAs
		YTD	April	YTD	April	Current
Alice Springs	888	488	39	132	65	1
Casuarina	1 164	166	13	309	34	6
Darwin	1 235	311	92	109	21	6
Katherine	468	14	0	13	1	0
Nhulunbuy	41	2	0	1	0	0
Palmerston	1 268	173	33	60	27	0
Tennant Creek	132	20	1	3	0	0
TOTAL	5 196	1351	178	627	148	13

- For 2009-10 to date, a total of 65 tenants have agreed to enter into Acceptable Behaviour Agreements (ABA) at the request of Territory Housing and 13 tenants currently have an ABA in place.

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