

Question No: 4

Question: Housing Commission Repair and Maintenance Costs

Date: 30/04/91

Member: Mr COLLINS

To: MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. What moneys has the Housing Section in Alice Springs spent on repairs and maintenance to 'Housing Commission' dwellings over and above what it considers to be normal wear and tear, in the last financial year.

2. What moneys are outstanding on -

(a) unpaid rent due to the Housing Commission in Alice Springs over the last financial year, in round figures.

(b) repairs billed to former tenants for the last financial year, and considered unredeemable.

ANSWER

1. During the financial year ended June 1990, an amount of \$237 313.27 was expended on repairs and maintenance to Housing Commission dwellings in Alice Springs, which was not considered normal wear and tear.

These costs are payable by Housing Commission tenants, both current and ceased, as they are considered to be the tenant's responsibility.

2. (a) Unpaid rent outstanding to the Housing Commission in Alice Springs as at June 1990 was, in round figures, as follows -

\$130 000 Current Tenants

\$212 000 Ceased Tenants.

(b) No repairs billed to former tenants for the year 1989-90 are yet considered unredeemable. They are only considered as such after extensive efforts to gain payment are made and are written off as bad debts, usually 3 years after the debt is incurred.