

# ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

## Question Taken on Notice

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**To:** Hon Selena Uiobo

**Portfolio:** Housing and Homelands

**Agency:** Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

**Subject:** Urban Housing Evictions Due to Antisocial Behaviour

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### QUESTION:

Has anyone been evicted from urban housing as a result of antisocial behaviour?

### ANSWER:

As a social housing provider and a funder of homelessness programs, the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (the Department) applies a firm, fair and consistent approach to antisocial behaviour in urban public housing, with a focus on sustaining tenancies and supporting tenants to maintain their tenancy. This is consistent with social housing providers across Australia.

The Department also engages with tenants and supports them to resolve issues contributing to the antisocial behaviour and affecting the tenancy. This may involve the tenant entering into an antisocial behaviour agreement and/or referral to tenancy support programs.

As the social housing provider, the Department is required to consider additional factors such as the impact of domestic violence on tenants who may be victim survivors, the ongoing impact to complainants, neighbours and communities of antisocial behaviour (frequently caused by visitors) and the broader implications of homelessness to the family situation of the tenant, which can often include children and young people. These factors are not required to be considered by a standard landlord, who may summarily terminate a tenancy without cause.

As a result of these approaches, the Department did not terminate any urban public housing tenancies because of antisocial behaviour in between July 2022 and 30 March 2023.

