

Estimates Committee 2009 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Public housing - rental - arrears - quantum

From: Mr Adam Giles to Hon Robert Knight
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Question: **6-9**
What is the highest amount of arrears for a tenant in a Territory Housing house?

Answer:
Answered On:
Answer: The highest amount of arrears for a tenant in a Territory Housing house is \$6,597.90 as at 17 June 2009.

This tenancy debt arose as a result of the tenant's difficulties with financial management which has been exacerbated by a domestic violence situation and health related issues.

The first step when a tenant falls behind in rent is to issue a notice to remedy to tenants. A notice to remedy was issued and the Commissioner of Tenancies has required the tenant to pay an additional \$50 per fortnight to reduce her rental debt whilst also maintaining her rental payments.

The Department of Local Government and Housing has been consistently working with both the tenant and support agencies in regards to the rental arrears. The department will continue to monitor this tenancy and work with the support agencies to ensure that the tenant maintains consistent payments.