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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Anderson to the Minister for Housing:

Remote Rent

1.   Territory Housing has advised that it has 'reconciled' the $1.39m funds sitting in the Accountable Officers Trust Account in June 2012 as to 'source', that is Territory Housing is aware of the name of the person who made the payments. What is Territory Housing doing to reconcile whether the persons making payments to Territory Housing have the liability to pay rent under a tenancy agreement?

2.   What is the numerical value of the payments made to Territory Housing that are to be reconciled as to whether the person who made the payment had a liability to pay rent to Territory Housing when the payment was made?

3.   How many incidents since 2009 have there been where person or people were found to be erroneously paying rent to Territory Housing, whilst living in an improvised dwelling, broken down by community and lot number?

4.   Can Territory Housing give assurances that all rent owing to persons or people who have erroneously paid to live in an improvised dwelling in the last financial year, has been repaid? If not, details of where this money is located and the quantum.

5.   What is the total amount of rent that is yet to be refunded to people in remote communities by Territory Housing, including money that has been reconciled but not yet paid to tenants?

6.   What mechanisms has Territory Housing established with DEEWR and Centrelink to ensure that automatic rental payments deducted from people's social security payments are kept up to date?

7.   Does rent paid by remote tenants go into general revenue?

8.   If rent paid by remote tenants does not go into general revenue, where does it sit?

9.   How does the Northern Territory Government ensure that rent payments paid by remote tenants are used for repairs and maintenance in remote communities?

10.   How does the Northern Territory Government ensure that $7500 a year allocated to remote repairs and maintenance is spent on each individual house?

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