

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Housing and Community Development:

Department of Housing complexes: the Keith Laurie Flats in Bloomfield Street and the Mokari Flats in Nicker Crescent, Gillen

1. What are your plans for the Keith Laurie Flats?
2. What are your plans for the Mokari Flats?
3. Are there funds currently allocated to improve these unit complexes?
4. In the 12 month period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 how many times were the Public Housing Safety Officers asked to attend incidences at the Keith Laurie Flats?
5. In the 12 month period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 how many times were the Public Housing Safety Officers asked to attend incidences at the Mokari Flats?

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1. In March 2017, the Department of Housing and Community Development leased a number of the units at the Keith Lawrie complex to Anglicare NT as supported accommodation.

The Department has completed a safety and security audit of the complex and some of the items identified to be addressed include:

- upgrade existing security lighting;
- increase security lighting to the common area in between unit walkways; and
- upgrade the chainmesh internal fencing to steel post fencing.

The scope of works is expected to be finalised in early July 2017 and the estimated date for completion is mid to late October 2017.

2. In January 2017, the Department completed a safety and security audit of the complex and some of the items identified to be addressed include:
 - replacement of the boundary fencing to the complex along the park side;
 - removal of damaged fencing and installation of bollards;
 - replacement of lifting footpaths throughout the complex;
 - upgrade existing security lighting; and
 - upgrade gates to unit rear yard enclosures.

Works for the removal of the damaged fencing and for the installation of bollards were completed in late June 2017.

The scope of works for the remaining items is expected to be finalised in early July 2017 and the estimated date for completion is mid to late October 2017.

3. Funding has been identified through the government's Urban Public Housing Stimulus project.
 4. At the Keith Lawrie complex (1 Musgrave Street), there were 42 incidents recorded between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2016.
 5. At the Mokari Flats (12 Nicker Crescent), there were 62 incidents recorded between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2016.
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