

Question No: 183

Question: Alice Springs Heritage Houses

Date: 17/11/92

Member: Mr PARISH

To: MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. Have the heritage houses at Lots 180 and 182 Hartley Street, Alice Springs, been sold.
2. Were proper procedures followed in relation to the Certificates of Occupancy for both houses.
3. Was one or either of the houses subject to damage by, or infested with, white ants.
4. Does the Department of Lands and Housing hold test inspection reports for both houses, prepared by a reputable pest control company.
5. If white ant damage was identified in the properties, what was the cost of rectifying the damage.
6. Has the Department of Lands and Housing met the cost of rectifying the damage; if so, what was the cost.
7. Has the Department of Lands and Housing met the cost of compensating the new owners; if so, what was the cost.

ANSWER

1. The heritage houses at Lots 180 and 182 Hartley Street, Alice Springs, have been sold.
2. I am satisfied that all investigations and procedures have been observed in the issue of the Certificates of Occupancy.
3. Visual inspections conducted by W.A. Flick & Co Pty Ltd prior to the Certificates of Occupancy being issued, indicate that there was no white ant activity evident at the time of inspections. The reports clearly stated that there was old activity evident in both houses.
4. The Department of Lands, Housing and Local Government holds on file a Property Inspection Report, prepared by W.A. Flick & Co Pty Ltd, for these properties.
5. White ant damage was identified in the properties. However, this was old activity. Completion of the contracts, eventual settlement of the sale and transfer of ownership indicates that the purchasers were prepared to accept the properties in their existing state.
6. The Department of Lands, Housing and Local Government has not met any cost of rectifying the works.
7. I do not believe there is any further requirement in this matter for my department.