

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Housing and Community Development:

Public Housing Safety Officers

1. How many Public Housing Safety Officers are there in remote and rural areas and who do they directly report to?

There are currently 20 Public Housing Safety Officers. Fourteen are based in Darwin and they respond to antisocial behaviour incidents across the Greater Darwin and Palmerston area. This includes regular visits to locations such as Batchelor. There are a further six Public Housing Safety Officers in Alice Springs.

The Department of Housing and Community Development is recruiting a total of six additional Public Housing Safety Officers. Three will be based in Katherine and a further three will be based in Tennant Creek.

2. How many times have Public Housing Safety Officers been called out for assistance in remote and rural areas?

In the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, there was a total of three allegations of antisocial behaviour in remote areas made via the Public Housing Safety Complaints Hotline. There was one complaint in Barunga, one complaint in Willowra, and one complaint in Lajamanu. None of these complaints were substantiated.

3. What is the proportion of Public Housing Safety Officers to the number of properties they patrol in remote and rural areas?

Public Housing Safety Officers do not patrol remote areas.

4. How many tenants have been evicted in the reporting period? How many were removed as a result of reports from Public Housing Safety Officers in remote and rural areas?

There were no evictions in remote and rural housing locations related to antisocial behavior in the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.