

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins for the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development:

Housing Policy, Local Government funding

- 1. What measures are in place to allow for public housing tenants to participate in necessary residential programs treating addiction?**

The Extended Absences and Caretaker Arrangements policy outlines how the Department manages situations where tenants are absent from their tenancy for reasons including attending residential rehabilitation programs.

- 2. How many evictions or penalties have been enforced under your 90-day turnaround policy and what reasons were given for breaching the policy?**

The Department does not have a 90-day turnaround policy.

- 3. What are the terms of reference or parameters of the six-month short term transitional accommodation trial you announced as part of the government's Anti-Social Behaviour Plan?**

A Grant Agreement is in place with Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) to provide 30 beds and three meals per day to assist rough sleepers.

- 4. Has the trial started? When will it be finished? Will its results be publicly released?**

The Short Stay Accommodation trial at Galawu Hostel commenced on 22 May 2019, for six-month period. The evaluation results will be made available to all stakeholders and referring agencies.

- 5. Please detail in dollar figures how much the Northern Territory Government is cutting from local government operational subsidy grants?**

There were no reductions in the Northern Territory Operational Subsidy grants to councils for 2019-20.