

BELMONT ELECTORATE — PUBLIC HOUSING EVICTIONS

187. Hon SAMANTHA ROWE to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) How many individuals or families have been evicted from public housing properties in the Belmont electorate since March 2013?
- (2) Of those families evicted, how many had children under 18 years of age?
- (3) What, if any, provisions were made for the protection and care of those children?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

The Department of Housing advises the following —

- (1) The Department of Housing does not keep statistics based on Legislative Assembly electorates. The Belmont electorate falls within the department's South East Metropolitan administrative region. From March 2013 to February 2014, 86 tenancies have been evicted from public housing in the department's South East Metropolitan region.
- (2) The Department of Housing does not keep information that could readily provide answers to this question.
- (3) The department has a memorandum of understanding and works closely with the Department for Child Protection and Family Support in relation to families that are at risk of termination.