

PUBLIC HOUSING — EVICTIONS

**76. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Housing:**

- (1) Does the minister have any concerns about the use of section 64 in evictions?
- (2) What are these concerns?
- (3) Has he raised them with his department?

**Hon COL HOLT replied:**

- (1)–(3) One of the challenges with public housing tenancies is always around the balance between providing a home and a roof over the heads of people most in need and having the expectation that those who have this privilege will pay their rent, look after their homes and be kind to their neighbours. That is what I expect. I expect that we will use whatever means we can to ensure that those people who have the privilege to be in a public housing situation pay their rent and are good neighbours.

**Hon Sally Talbot:** Is that a yes or a no?

**Hon COL HOLT:** I am answering the question how I want to answer it. That is what I expect, and the use of section 64 is part of that.