

PUBLIC HOUSING — TENANT EVICTIONS

942. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the Department of Housing's disruptive management strategy, and I ask:

- (a) how many children, aged eight years and under, were evicted from their homes in the period 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 as a result of this strategy;
- (b) how many of these children have subsequently been re-housed in Department of Housing accommodation;
- (c) is the Department of Housing able to advise how many of the children referred to in (a), are or were, for any period homeless and if so for what periods; and
- (d) if the Department of Housing is unable to answer, who in Government is able to account for the location of these children since they were evicted?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

The Department of Housing advises:

- (a)–(c) The Department of Housing does not keep statistics that would enable it to answer this question.
- (d) The Department for Child Protection and Family Support has responsibility for providing child safety and family support services to Western Australian individuals, children and their families. The Department of Housing has a memorandum of understanding and works closely with the Department for Child Protection and Family Support in relation to where tenancies of families are at risk of termination.