

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING — 80 DREW STREET, SPALDING — TEMPORARY FACILITIES

401. Hon DARREN WEST to the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the ongoing sewerage issues being experienced at the Department of Housing property located at 80 Drew Street, Spalding, and the placement of a portable toilet and shower at the front of the property for the use of that tenant.

- (1) How long has the tenant been required to use these temporary facilities?
- (2) As at 17 April 2015, what is the cost of the supply and maintenance of the portable toilet and shower, including draining of the toilet?
- (3) What works have been planned to address the sewerage issues, when will they commence and when are they likely to be completed?
- (4) Does the minister consider it acceptable for this tenant—an elderly grandmother—to be required to use a portable toilet and shower that is open to the public from the street?
- (5) Will the Department of Housing immediately relocate the affected tenants until such time as the sewerage problem is solved; and, if not, why not?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

- (1) Temporary toilet and shower facilities were delivered to unit 9C on 9 April 2015, and to units 8C and 10C on 17 April 2015.
- (2) The Department received an invoice on 20 April 2015 for the delivery, hire and service of the temporary toilet and shower facilities to date totalling \$2 161.80, including goods and services tax.
- (3) The Department's plumbing auditor attended the complex today and is confirming that the proposed scope of works will rectify the plumbing issues.
- (4) No, I do not consider it to be acceptable; however, from time to time plumbing issues occur that require tenants to use temporary facilities. In this instance it was not possible to locate the facilities at the rear of the properties concerned.
- (5) The department offered the tenant of unit 9C alternative accommodation; this offer was declined. The tenants of units 8C and 10C have not requested alternative accommodation, and the department has been trying to contact them to ascertain whether either tenant wishes to relocate.