

HOUSING AUTHORITY — TENANCIES — METHAMPHETAMINE CONTAMINATION

686. Hon RICK MAZZA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the serious health consequences of residing in residences contaminated through the onsite production of methamphetamine and that it is estimated that around only 10 per cent of methamphetamine labs are detected.

- (1) Can the minister please advise the number of Housing Authority residences that have been identified as being contaminated through the onsite production of methamphetamine?
- (2) What process is used to —
 - (a) identify residences that may be affected; and
 - (b) determine the level of contamination?
- (3) Have any Housing Authority residences been demolished due to contamination?
- (4) If yes to (3) —
 - (a) how many; and
 - (b) at what cost?
- (5) What safeguards are in place to ensure the health of subsequent residents of contaminated properties?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Housing Authority is unable to provide this information in the time available. If the member would be kind enough to place the question on notice, I will endeavour to provide a detailed response.
- (2)
 - (a) The Housing Authority is notified by the Department of Health or Western Australia Police if a clandestine drug laboratory is discovered operating in a public housing property.
 - (b) Properties where clandestine drug labs are found are cleaned in line with the federal government's clandestine laboratory remediation guidelines. Once a drug lab has been reported, a clandestine drug lab contamination report is undertaken. The report details the level of chemical or toxic residue in the property and whether a hazardous material cleaner or trauma cleaner is required. Further testing is required after the property is cleaned and remedied to validate that the site is safe.
- (3) No.
- (4) (a)–(b) Not applicable.
- (5) Please refer to 2(b).