

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING — TENANTS

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

I refer to reports received by my office from Belmont community advocacy groups, which indicate that a number of Department of Housing tenants have been evicted or threatened with eviction from their properties due to their inability to pay for water charges that have been rolled into their rental accounts.

- (1) Is the minister aware of any evictions or pending evictions in the East Metropolitan Region that have resulted from a tenant's inability to pay a water bill?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) how many evictions have occurred on these grounds; and
 - (b) how many tenants are at risk of eviction on these grounds?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Housing, I provide the following answer.

- (1) Yes.
- (2)
 - (a) Nil.
 - (b) Two tenants.