

HOUSING AUTHORITY — TENANTS

101. Hon SAMANTHA ROWE to the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the minister's answer to question without notice 19 that stated —

Each state and territory adopts an independent approach to determining assessable income.

Will the minister please name the other Australian states that include as assessable income the following —

- (a) carer allowance;
- (b) bereavement allowance;
- (c) remote area allowance;
- (d) pharmaceutical allowance;
- (e) double orphan pension;
- (f) orphan, ward of the state and foster allowance;
- (g) intermediate war pension;
- (h) Department of Veterans Affairs' extreme disability adjustment; and
- (i) Department of Veterans Affairs' prisoner of war recognition supplement.

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

The Housing Authority advises that the following is based on publicly available information —

- (a) carer allowance is not assessed by other jurisdictions;
- (b) bereavement allowance is assessed by Tasmania; not assessed by South Australia, New South Wales or Queensland; and is not specified by Victoria, the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory;
- (c) remote area allowance is not assessed by South Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania or Queensland; and is not specified by Victoria, the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory;
- (d) pharmaceutical allowance is not specified by other jurisdictions;
- (e) double orphan pension is assessed by Tasmania; and not assessed by South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, the Northern Territory or the Australian Capital Territory;
- (f) orphan, ward of the state and foster allowances do not appear to be commonwealth payments;
- (g) intermediate war pension is not specified by other jurisdictions;
- (h) Department of Veterans Affairs' extreme disability adjustment is not assessed by Tasmania; and it is not specified by other jurisdictions; and
- (i) Department of Veterans Affairs' prisoner of war recognition supplement is not assessed by South Australia, Tasmania, Queensland or the Australian Capital Territory; and it is not specified by other states.