

HOUSING — DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

**645. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to answers to question 561 of 22 June 2016 and question 1235 of August 2014 regarding the proportion of Aboriginal people who have been affected by evictions under the disruptive behaviour management strategy.

- (1) In answer to question 1235 regarding evictions, the minister replied —

Based on self-identification by the tenant, 66% of these tenancies had Aboriginal people in the household.

What is that percentage for the most recent available data?

- (2) In answer to question 615, the minister stated that these statistics were not collected. Given that Aboriginal children represent 49 per cent of the zero to nine-year-olds receiving support from homelessness services, why is the Housing Authority not collecting data to analyse the impact of its disruptive behaviour management strategy eviction policy on this vulnerable group?

**Hon COL HOLT replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Although the Housing Authority collects information on voluntary client self-identification and data relating to eviction action, reporting on both elements requires a lengthy manual process to compile the data in the format requested and the Housing Authority is unable to do this in the time available. I request that the honourable member put this part of the question on notice.
- (2) The Housing Authority proceeds with action under the disruptive behaviour management strategy as part of a strong approach to managing ongoing disruptive behaviour. The Housing Authority will, in accordance with the Residential Tenancies Act 1987, take action based on the individual circumstances when there is sufficient evidence that disruptive behaviour has occurred, independent of a person's race or nationality. When tenancies are identified as at risk of failing, the Housing Authority assists tenants with referrals to support services to help them sustain their tenancy. Participation with these services is voluntary and tenants must be willing to engage.