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NATIONAL RENTAL AFFORDABILITY SCHEME

110. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to community and media reports of the Department of Communities purchasing properties that are under the national rental affordability scheme.

- (1) How many homes that are part of the NRAS has the Department of Communities purchased in the last 18 months?
- (2) Of the homes in answer to (1), how many NRAS tenants were given notice to vacate and how many were allowed to stay in their homes?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. This answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Housing.

(1)—(2) The national rental affordability scheme is a commonwealth initiative. NRAS properties are privately owned and when sold on the private market, the seller will not always disclose that the property was formally under NRAS. When the Department of Communities is made aware that the property is an NRAS property, and when a tenant remains in situ, the department will work with the tenant on a case-by-case basis, including on housing support and transitional arrangements and providing information on their housing options and appropriate support services.