

TOURISM — SHORT-TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

851. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to Airbnbs and other unregistered short-term accommodation in WA.

- (1) Does the state government track or keep data on the number of short-term rentals in WA?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many short-term rentals are there to date?
- (3) Has the state government conducted any modelling as to the impacts short-term rentals have on rent prices or long-term rentals?
- (4) Is the government considering any regulations or incentives to bring short-term rentals back to the long-term rental market and increase supply?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(4) As announced in 2021, via a media statement from the then Minister for Planning, the state government is currently working to establish a statewide registration scheme for short-term rental accommodation. The register will allow for data to be tracked including the number of short-term rental accommodation properties in WA, as providers of short-term rental accommodation would be required to register their property to operate and advertise, including on online booking platforms. Owners of properties would receive a unique registration number, which would need to be advertised alongside the short-term rental. The register forms a part of the initiatives the state government is progressing to better manage short-term rental accommodation in Western Australia.