

KIMBERLEY FLOODS — GOVERNMENT HOUSING STOCK — DAMAGE

10. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

Has the Department of Communities completed an assessment of government housing stock damaged as a result of the Kimberley flooding? If so, please provide an indication of —

- (1) the number of properties requiring repairs;
- (2) the number of properties condemned and requiring replacement; and
- (3) the locations of these properties and the property type.

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. I seek leave to have the information incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

- (1)–(3) The Department of Communities (Communities) owns or manages 1,009 dwellings across 37 flood impacted communities in the Kimberley. Following the flooding event of 2 January 2023, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services undertook Rapid Damage Assessments across the region.

As impacted communities were able to be accessed, Communities have progressively undertaken and completed 985 electrical safety assessments to confirm these homes are electrically safe.

After initial electrical safety assessments were undertaken, a significant number of residents were repatriated to their undamaged homes. Dwellings with other damage may undergo further, detailed assessments known as Building Condition Assessments (BCAs). BCA's, undertaken by qualified building inspectors, are comprehensive and assess damage including, but not limited to, structural damage and water ingress.

As at 10 February 2023, 94 Communities-owned or managed dwellings have had detailed BCA's completed and are currently being reviewed to confirm whether these impacted homes will need to be rebuilt, refurbished or retained with minor works. These decisions regarding damaged homes are influenced by several factors' including confirmation of the revised floor level.

Communities will review all the information available on each dwelling, and undertake discussions with the occupants of each property, to inform the next steps.

The 94 BCA's have so far been conducted in Fitzroy Crossing town and the following remote communities: Burawa, Camballin, DarlIngunaya, Bungardi, Loanbun, Junjuwa, Kupungarri and Galeru Gorge.
