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Hon Peter Collier MLC asked:

A6) Can the minister provide the number of tenancies that have had 1 or 2 strikes in the last 12 months?

Answer:

Please see below the number of first and second strike notices issued over the 12 months ended 30 September 2017:

Strike Notices Issued (First and Second ONLY) for the 12 months ended 30/09/2017	
Strike Notice Issued	Number of Strikes
First	928
Second	298

* NB: Backdating can occur, therefore the data is subject to revision.

Please note, strikes issued for substantiated incidents of disruptive behaviour are valid for a period of 12 months.

- The First Strike Notice is issued where a substantiated incident of disruptive or serious disruptive behaviour has occurred and there has been no strike issued in the previous 12 months.
- The Second Strike Notice is issued where a substantiated incident of disruptive behaviour has occurred and there has been one other substantiated incident of disruptive behaviour in the previous 12 months.

The above statistics are not a reflection on the distinct number of tenancies where a strike notice has been issued but rather the number of strikes themselves over said requested period as one tenancy may be represented multiple times in the table above.



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Hon Peter Collier MLC asked:

- A7) The response provided on 15 August 2017 indicated there was an increase of 2 234 additional properties added to the public housing system since the end of 2010-11, and identical information contained in the ROGS data identifies a decline of 307.

Can the minister provide clarification regarding the reason for the difference?

Answer:

Question without notice No. 378 provided the Member with the gross number of public housing properties that have been added to the affordable housing system since the end of 2010-11.

2,234 is a gross figure and includes all new completed public housing dwellings, constructed or acquired. All of these dwellings are owned by the Housing Authority but some of them are managed by community housing providers under a head lease agreement.

The ROGS numbers represent the number of properties used for public housing within the previous 12 months. That is, managed by the state housing authority and provided to subsidised rental tenants. This excludes any government owned dwellings managed by community housing organisations on behalf of government for the purposes of helping social housing tenants. The disparity between the numbers essentially relates to ownership versus management of dwellings.

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Hon Colin Holt MLC asked:

A8) In regard to the service workers program and a commitment of \$5.107 million in 2018–19 on page 257, can the minister provide the following detail:

(a) Is this Royalties for Regions funding?

Answer: Yes

(b) What is this going to be for?

Answer: Reinvestment of the proceeds has not yet been committed.

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Hon Colin Holt MLC asked:

A9) In regard to the Housing Authority's public housing stock redevelopment strategy, can the minister provide the following:

(a) The number of public housing dwellings in total that were sold and demolished under the strategy?

Answer: Public Housing dwellings demolished in the Public Housing Stock Redevelopment Program numbered 101. There have been no public housing dwellings sold under this program to date.

(b) The number of public housing dwellings that were built to replace those properties sold or demolished under the strategy?

Answer: 102

(c) Were all the properties sold or demolished under the strategy replaced with new dwellings in the public housing system?

Answer: Yes

(d) Did the Housing Authority succeed in building and selling 500 affordable properties as was anticipated?

Answer: The Housing Authority built 502 new dwellings for sale as affordable homes. As at 24 October 2017, 480 have been sold, 22 are currently for sale.

(e) If so, how many were sold at market price and how many were sold as a shared-equity housing product?

Answer: Of the 480 dwellings sold, 240 were shared equity and 240 were full market sales.

(f) It was estimated that the delivery of the 500 properties under the program would be cost neutral after receipt of sales revenue. Can the minister confirm that this was the case?

Answer: Yes it was cost neutral.

(g) Has the strategy at this stage made a profit or a loss?

Answer: The strategy has made a profit.

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