

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

DEFENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Budget estimates 2000–2001, 30 May 2000

QUESTION 1

SENATOR: Murphy

HANSARD: Page 204

To provide the Senate Estimates Committee the Defence Housing Requirement figures in Darwin for financial years 1999–2000 to 2003–2004.

RESPONSE

Defence Housing Requirement figures are as follows:

| | |
|-------|---------|
| 1,856 | 1999–00 |
| 1,956 | 2000–01 |
| 1,922 | 2001–02 |
| 1,922 | 2002–03 |
| 1,922 | 2003–04 |

QUESTION 2

SENATOR: Murphy

HANSARD: Page 204

To confirm if at the time of letter dated 17 December 1999 from Brian Bell there were around 150–158 vacant houses in Darwin.

RESPONSE

At the time of the letter dated 17 December 1999 there was a total of 292 vacant houses. This figure is made up of 184 vacant houses and 108 pre-allocated houses.

Indicative Trend Figures:

| As at | Vacant houses | Pre-allocated houses | Total |
|---------|---------------|----------------------|-------|
| 19/1/00 | 61 | 142 | 203 |
| 17/2/00 | 64 | 32 | 96 |
| 17/3/00 | 45 | 32 | 77 |
| 18/4/00 | 38 | 25 | 63 |
| 17/5/00 | 29 | 18 | 47 |
| 30/6/00 | 24 | 29 | 53 |

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SENATOR: Murphy

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Explain where the shortfall in DHR of 49 houses was being acquired for delivery in August 1999 (reference letter dated 30 March 1999 from Mr Brian Bell to Mr Ed David).

RESPONSE

The Housing Management Centre in Darwin for months of August/September 1999 acquired 35 houses of the 49 projected through normal construction process supervised by DHA. The houses acquired are mainly in Palmerston. The remaining 14 will be acquired through later construction at Palmerston.

QUESTION 4

SENATOR: Murphy

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To provide response letter from Mr Ed David to a letter dated 3 September 1999 from Mr Bell.

RESPONSE

There was no response letter.