

PUBLIC HOUSING — ALLOCATION POLICY

4284. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Housing

I refer to the Department of Housing Allocation Policy for Public Housing, and ask:

in the Department's South West Zone, how many three bedroom dwellings were allocated from January 2008 to the present time, to clients not in accordance to the allocation policy; and

of these, for what reasons were they allocated contrary to the policy;

how many three bedroom houses are currently tenanted to single clients and for how long have these houses been accommodating only one person;

in the South West Zone, how many dwellings are currently being utilised for storage purposes or uses other than the housing of tenants; and

could the Minister please list these current addresses and their current use;

in the Department's Peel Zone, how many three bedroom dwellings were allocated from January 2008 to the present time, to clients not in accordance to the allocation policy; and

of these, for what reasons were they allocated contrary to the policy;

how many three bedroom houses are currently tenanted to single clients and for how long have these houses been accommodating only one person;

in the Peel Zone, how many Department dwellings are currently being utilised for storage purposes or uses other than the housing of tenants; and

could the Minister please list these current addresses and their current use?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Department of Housing advises:

In the South West Zone, 8 properties were allocated to clients, not in accordance with the Department's Allocations Policy. Three properties were allocated to suit clients under a DCP reunification arrangement. Two properties have been allocated to tenants requiring a Transfer due to redevelopment of the properties originally allocated to them (tenants have the option to return to properties once refurbishment is complete). Three properties were allocated to tenants due to medical conditions and the possible requirement of a carer in the future.

169 properties are currently occupied by a single client. The longest tenancy accommodating one person is approximately 34 years. The shortest tenancy is 1 month. (Average is approximately 7 years).

4 properties.

Current use:

- LAMP (Learning About Mental Problems) — 226 Bussell Hwy Busselton. This is a non government organisation (NGO) supporting individuals who have mental health issues to live independently within the community.
- MATES (Mens Support Group) — 146 Kent St Busselton. This is a NGO supporting male perpetrators of domestic violence (DV) throughout the SW Region. It allows the perpetrator's family to remain residing in the family home at times of crisis.
- Warren Blackwood Emergency Accommodation — 20 Hastie St Manjimup. This is an NGO supporting victims of DV for the area.
- Warren Blackwood STRIVE — 34 Edwards St Manjimup. This is a NGO supporting people with disabilities to live independently in the community

In the Peel Zone, three properties were allocated to clients not in accordance with the Department's Allocations Policy. The three allocations were to clients requiring mobility accommodation — wheelchair accessible properties. They were allocated bedrooms above their entitlement due to the unavailability of smaller mobility accommodation to suit their needs.

There are a total of 36 three bedroom properties currently occupied by a single tenant. The longest tenancy accommodating only one person is approximately 15 years. The shortest tenancy is 3 months. (Average is approximately 6 years). The Department has established a Tenant Eligibility and Compliance Unit and the Compliance Unit's core focus is ensuring that public housing properties are provided to those most in need.

Three key objectives are to ensure that tenants: are occupying properties with appropriate bedroom entitlement; are income eligible to reside in public housing; and/or are not fraudulently obtaining public housing.

Nil

Not applicable