

PUBLIC HOUSING — EVICTIONS

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

I thank the Minister for Housing for his answer to my previous question without notice 185.

- (1) Do the figures provided in the table include all tenancy agreement terminations for each year?
- (2) If no to (1), what are the total figures for all tenancy agreement terminations for each year?
- (3) Are tenancy agreement terminations identifiable by categories, such as eviction, voluntary termination and termination due to ineligibility for public housing et cetera?
- (4) If yes to (3), what are the total figures for each tenancy agreement terminations for each year for each category?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided to me by the Minister for Housing.

- (1)–(4) Eviction is a last resort for the Department of Communities. Communities works with tenants to ensure they are given every opportunity to rectify the issues impacting on their tenancy. This includes making appropriate referrals to supports and programs such as Thrive, which provides support to public housing clients. When a tenant is at risk of eviction, Communities will increase their contact with the client and link them with relevant support services to help address the issues impacting their tenancy, and, in most cases, people remedy the issues impacting their tenancy. A tenant voluntarily vacating their house after receiving a termination notice or a court order is not an eviction. After a termination notice or court order is issued, the Department of Communities will continue to work with tenants to rectify issues impacting their tenancy. Even following eviction orders, tenants have the opportunity to remediate their tenancy and engage with Communities. The remainder of the answer is in tabular form. I seek leave to have the response incorporated into *Hansard*.

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

Tenants voluntarily vacating following termination notices are not evictions. When given a termination notice, tenants still have the opportunity to remediate their tenancy and engage with Communities to sustain their tenancies.

Financial Year	Voluntary Vacates following Termination Notice
2021–22	95
2022–23	82
2023–24 YTD*	65

Tenants voluntarily vacating following court orders are not evictions. When given a court order, tenants still have the opportunity to remediate their tenancy and engage with Communities to sustain their tenancies.

Financial Year	Voluntary vacates following Court Order
2021–22	118
2022–23	88
2023–24 YTD*	70

Bailiff evictions follow where tenants repeatedly and egregiously fail to rectify their behaviour or engage with Communities to sustain their tenancies.

Financial Year	Bailiff Eviction
2021–22	43
2022–23	47
2023–24 YTD*	31

*YTD as at February 2024.
