

RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES — NO-FAULT EVICTIONS

**954. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Minister for Commerce:**

I refer to comments made by the Deputy Premier and reported in *The West Australian* on Wednesday, 16 August, regarding the government's decision not to prohibit no-fault evictions. The Deputy Premier is quoted as saying —

“We have seen a tendency by some landlords to put their homes into Airbnb's and other short-term rentals and having those homes removed from the long-term rental market.

- (1) Does the government have an accurate record of the number of short-term properties in Western Australia?
- (2) Does the government have data to indicate a market trend of divestment in long-stay rentals and investment in short-stay rentals?
- (3) If yes to (2), can the Leader of the House please table that data?
- (4) If no to (2), on what basis did the Deputy Premier make her comments?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

Honourable member, as Minister for Commerce, these matters rest in my portfolio. The Deputy Premier does not have an agency that could provide her with these answers as they fall within my portfolio.

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) As announced in 2021 via a media statement from the then Minister for Planning, the state government is currently working to establish a statewide registration scheme for short-term rental accommodation. The register will allow for data to be tracked, including the number of short-term rental accommodation properties in Western Australia. A number of publicly available databases track the number of short-term rental properties in Western Australia, including AirDNA and Inside Airbnb.