

RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES — NO-FAULT EVICTIONS

865. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Minister for Commerce:

I note the minister's response to my question asked yesterday about the Cook government's position not to remove no-grounds terminations in tenancy agreements because it may be a disincentive to investment in the housing market and the tabled report that mentions —

Reforms designed to aid tenants might have the opposite effect if supply were to contract even further.

And that —

A thorough assessment of the reforms that would deliver a private rental system equitable for both tenants and landlords is required.

- (1) Given the report does not definitively support the government's claim, does the Cook government have any further evidence or basis for its position?
- (2) Has the government undertaken a thorough assessment to support its position, as the report suggests?
- (3) If any reports or further evidence exist, would the minister please table them.

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) As per my comments in response to the member's question asked yesterday, consultation was undertaken with key stakeholders representing both tenants and landlords about the impacts that the proposed reforms may have on the rental sector. During consultation, a number of key stakeholders expressed the concern that removing no-grounds evictions may result in potential investors deciding not to invest in the rental market. In addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the government decided to act cautiously so that investors could continue to feel confident purchasing and managing their investment properties.

Given the outcomes of the national cabinet meeting today, we will continue to work with our state and territory counterparts and WA stakeholders on the matter of no-grounds evictions.