

RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES — NO-FAULT EVICTIONS

1281. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to my question without notice 973, asked on 31 August 2023, regarding the government's claims that a proposed prohibition on no-fault evictions would lead to a divestment of rentals in favour of short-stay accommodation.

- (1) Does the government rely solely on data published by AirDNA and Inside Airbnb, or is more comprehensive and reliable data informing government policy?
- (2) When will the government's promised regulation of the short-stay accommodation sector be introduced?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

I do not accept the premise of the question. What I have stated is that the removal of no-fault evictions might scare off small investors who own rental properties, and that is not a risk that I am willing to take.

- (1)–(2) As provided in the response to question without notice 954, the Cook government is 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, which will assist in forming future government policy.

It is expected that a bill will be introduced to Parliament in early 2024.