

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**No. 498**  
**Asked on 23 March 2010**

**MR HOPPER** asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Rural and Regional Queensland (MR MULHERIN)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to government-owned housing—

- (1) How many staff on a classification of AO8, SO, SES or higher (senior management) are living in government-owned housing (either owned by the Department of Employment and Economic Development and Innovation or by the Department of Public Works)?
- (2) What is the government's policy on the maximum time staff may live in government housing?
- (3) How long have the officers in (1) been living in government housing?

**ANSWER:**

- (1) I am advised that there are four Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) staff on a classification of A08, SO, SES or higher living in government-owned housing.
- (2) Current DEEDI employee housing practices reflect the relevant principles and guidelines provided through the Queensland Government Employee Housing Scheme (GEHS) together with pre-existing agency customs and practices relating to the management of agency-owned operational housing. The GEHS policy guidelines suggest that it is not expected that a term of tenancy for these houses will exceed 5 years. These GEHS tenancies are reviewed annually and extensions are at agency discretion. In terms of operational housing, custom and practice has been to support the ongoing tenancy of these houses where agency operational requirements continue to exist.
- (3) The period of occupancy of the four DEEDI staff in (1) ranges from greater than 6 years to less than 13 years.