

Question on Notice
No. 1694
Asked on Thursday 15 September 2016

MR EMERSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS (HON M DE BRENNI) —

With reference to police being called to incidents occurring at state government owned social housing properties—

Will the Minister detail the total number of incidents requiring a police response for the period 1 July 2016 to 1 September 2016 and the period 1 July 2015 to 1 September 2015?

ANSWER

The Department of Housing and Public Works directly manages the largest residential property portfolio in Queensland comprising over 53,785 properties.

I am advised that the level of detail outlined in the Member's question is not readily available and it would not be practical to divert departmental and Queensland Police Service resources to identify the incidents referred to in the question.

As part of the management of its property portfolio and tenancies, the Department of Housing and Public Works maintains a strong relationship with the Queensland Police Service and exchanges relevant information as part of furthering the Queensland Government's collaborative approaches to managing and supporting public housing tenancies.

As provided for under the Fair Expectations of Behaviour Policy, which commenced on 1 February 2016, tenant behaviours which jeopardise community safety by putting others at risk through dangerous behaviour or through illegal activities, are not tolerated and the department immediately acts to evict any tenants engaged in these activities.