

Vacant Public Housing – Condition and Safety

Mr BAYLEY question to MINISTER for HOUSING and PLANNING

My question is on behalf of numerous constituents raising serious concerns about the condition and safety of vacant public housing properties. We have reports of vacant properties with significantly overgrown grass and vegetation, presenting a fire hazard to both these and other neighbouring properties. There's also concern that unsecured vacant properties are left vulnerable to unauthorised entry and further damage. Beyond the immediate safety issues, constituents have raised the broader decline in public housing maintenance standards. It appears that unlike past arrangements, current contracts leave work poorly completed, with reports that supervisors have little visibility over what jobs are being undertaken. Can you confirm what urgent action will be taken to address fire hazard risks at vacant public housing properties in Clark and across the state, and further will you commit to review the contracted housing maintenance arrangements to ensure work is completed to an adequate standard?