

Public Housing – Methamphetamine Remediation

Ms JOHNSTON question to MINISTER for HOUSING and PLANNING

Minister, a constituent has raised questions about your Estimates evidence that nearly one in five public housing properties tests positive for methamphetamines and that remediation averages 285 days. There is an inconsistency in that where meth has been used, decontamination only takes a few days. An average of 285 days points to the level of contamination associated with production, yet it is incredible that one in five public housing properties are meth labs. The figures point two ways - either one in five really do need nine months of remediation, meaning the minister is alleging widespread drug manufacturing in public housing and should show the evidence, or they don't, and the figure has been badly overstated, leaving tenants under a cloud they don't deserve. These Tasmanians already face stigma over their income and postcode. Will the Minister clarify what the one-in-five figure actually measures and correct the public record?