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Government Employee Housing

Wednesday 23 June 2021 – Mr GUYULA – Question to the Minister for Remote Housing and Town Camps – Government Employee Housing

Mr GUYULA: Within the town of Nhulunbuy, how many DEAL—Developing East Arnhem Land—houses are rented by government for government employees?

Mr PAECH: In regard to government employee leased or owned properties, there are currently 199 properties that the agency has jurisdiction over. As we do this review, if properties are deemed not to be required by those agencies, they will be returned to the general housing stock of government employee housing where people on the waiting list in that community will be eligible for that.

Mr GUYULA: Are there plans to build more government employee housing in Nhulunbuy?

Mr PAECH: In Nhulunbuy there is one house that needs to be replaced, and on the works proceeding in the immediate future, there are two new houses to be constructed. Nhulunbuy is an interesting community; not every house of the 199 in Nhulunbuy is owned by the department. A number of those are also private head lease. That might be with the mining company that owns the assets or other service providers that we have negotiated a lease agreement with.

I am more than happy to arrange a briefing to you on the government employee housing. As we go through the review, if houses are being leased to Education or Health or another agency and not being fully utilised, they will be returned to Housing and go off the waiting list for government employee housing in Nhulunbuy.

Mr GUYULA: In northeast Arnhem Land, how many government employee houses have been built since 2016 and for which department employees?

Mr PAECH: I will take that on notice so I can give you an accurate number of how many have been built.

Question on Notice No 9.14

Mr CHAIR: Member for Mulka, please restate the question for the record.

Mr GUYULA: In northeast Arnhem Land, how many government employee houses have been built since 2016 and for which department employees?

Mr CHAIR: Minister, do you accept the question?

Mr PAECH: Yes.

Mr CHAIR: The question asked by the Member for Mulka of the minister has been allocated number 9.14.

Mr PAECH: I wanted to provide some context in relation to the Member for Mulka's question. I am aware that under the Remuneration Tribunal determination that the Member for Mulka has eligibility for a government employee house. The Department of the Legislative Assembly would need to ensure that your entitlement eligibility is on the wait list. It sits with agencies.

Mr SLOAN: Can you confirm with the review on government employee housing—did you say you were hoping to have that completed by next estimates, or did I misunderstand you?

Mr YAN: Or this century.

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