

WPQ 28009 (2021)

Question

Further to WPQ 25195 (2021), if it's correct "this perception [increasing levels of crime] is not necessarily the reality", what data, if any, demonstrates it's not the reality; for what reasons, if any, will Government Ministers not disclose the number of call-outs or incidents at emergency accommodation locations?

Reply

I am advised by the Ministry of Social Development that they do not directly respond to call-outs or incidents at or around emergency housing related to criminal activity. In emergency or urgent situations, the Ministry would encourage those involved, or those witnessing an incident, to contact Police directly. I am also advised that Police is currently engaging with the Ministry of Social Development on scoping potential information sharing arrangements. Information sharing may assist agencies to identify any issues in and around Emergency Housing, potentially providing opportunities to achieve better outcomes for people placed in emergency housing.

WPQ 25718 (2021)

Question

How is the Information Sharing Agreement between MSD and the Gang Intelligence Unit utilised, if at all, to maximise the safety of people staying in or near emergency accommodation and housing (inclusive of approved suppliers to EHSNG recipients); if the agreement is not utilised for this purpose, why is it not?

Reply

I am advised by the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) that the Ministry periodically receives updates to the National Gang List from the GIC. The Ministry has considered whether the List could be utilised to support individuals who are in or being considered for placement in emergency housing. No decisions have been made.