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Inquiry into the use of 'fly-in, fly-out' (FIFO) workforce practices in regional Australia

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This letter is in response to the above inquiry. Mr Gibbons asked for further information in regard to how many of the people we were unable to accommodate were two or three time applicants.

I have gone back through my information and have found the following. There were just two women with children that contacted our service more than once during 2011.

One lady with two children contacted our service in February, July and December. Her situation involved mental health, drug use and domestic violence; she has a flat but is not safe living there.

The other person with one child contacted our service in April and June. Her situation was that she had been living with relatives while waiting for housing and had to leave due to overcrowding. We do find that a lot of people who are homeless and living with friends or relatives do not disclose being homeless as it jeopardises the tenancy of the people they are living with.

To date after checking all applicants for 2012 there have not been any repeat ones.

Kind Regards

Maree Tann
Manager.

