

HOMELESSNESS — CENSUS DATA

174. Ms L. METTAM to the Minister for Housing:

I have a supplementary question. How will \$420 million for social housing sitting in a bank account address these issues?

Mr J.N. CAREY replied:

I already outlined in my previous answer the amount of investment that is rolling out. The figures do not lie: 1 100 new homes into the system with just under 1 000 under contract or construction. I will come back to the data that the Leader of the Liberal Party referred to. We understand the complexities of the data in our system. In fact, the state government committed \$1.3 million to boosting data collection relating to homelessness. We fund the by-name list, an independent source of information run by the WA Alliance to End Homelessness. From February last year to February this year, it shows a reduction in homelessness and rough sleeping in the Perth metropolitan area. The feedback that I am getting from the sector is that our reforms are working. The new programs that we are introducing, 100 social homes and Boorloo Bidee Mia, which has been an outstanding success, are making a real impact to assist the most vulnerable who are homeless.