

GOVERNMENT REGIONAL OFFICERS' HOUSING

**442. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to Government Regional Officers' Housing, or GROH.

- (1) What was the total number of GROH stock as at June 2021?
- (2) What is the total waitlist for GROH across all departments as at June 2021?
- (3) For (2), will the minister please break down into waitlists for each government department?
- (4) In the absence of available GROH stock in a particular location —
  - (a) what is the course of action to ensure that government regional officers have access to a house; and
  - (b) what was the total cost to the government for providing alternative accommodation options?
- (5) If the Department of Communities does not collect this data or cannot provide a response to any of the above, why can it not do so?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) As of 30 June 2021, there were a total of 5 040 GROH properties.
- (2) As at 30 June 2021, there were 217 additional requests for GROH housing from client agencies.
- (3) The information is in tabular form. I seek leave to have that incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

Client Agency	Additional
Central Regional TAFE	1
Department of Communities	9
Department of Education	88
Department of Finance	1
Department of Fisheries	1
Department of Justice – Corrective Services	6
Department of Justice – Court & Tribunal	2
Department of Sport and Recreation	0
Department of Transport	1
Dept of Biodiversity Conservation & Attract	8
Dept of Mines & Petroleum	0
Dept of Primary Industries & Regional Development	11
Fire & Emergency Services Authority	2
Goldfields Esperance Development Commission	1
Legal Aid Commission	1
Murchison Health Service	1
Northern Regional TAFE	18
Pathwest	1
WA Police Force	59
Water Corporation	6

- (4)
  - (a) Requests for housing under the GROH program are met by allocation of vacant existing GROH stock, sourcing leases from the private market, expressions of interest from investors or local government, and constructing and spot-purchasing properties from the GROH capital works budget.
  - (b) The GROH program is responsible for providing housing. Individual client agencies make arrangements for any alternative accommodation required for their employees.
- (5) Not applicable.