

PUBLIC HOUSING — SOUTH WEST REGION

1108. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) Can the minister please tell me how many public houses in Western Australia are currently unoccupied and how many are located within the South West Region?
- (2) How are many public houses are uninhabitable due to not meeting minimum health and safety standards, are undergoing non-standard maintenance work, or are undergoing maintenance for re-letting?
- (3) Does the government have an estimate of how much it would cost to bring all these dwellings up to code so that they can be occupied by those in our community who desperately need them?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) As at 31 August 2019, of the 36 162 public housing properties statewide, 957 properties were undergoing maintenance to be re-let. A further 902 properties are vacant for a number of reasons, including that they are awaiting demolition or are being reviewed for development or repurposing. As at 31 August 2019, in the South West Region, there are 77 public housing properties that are under maintenance to be re-let. Thirty-seven public housing properties in the South West Region are also vacant for a number of reasons, including that they are awaiting demolition or are being reviewed for development or repurposing.
- (2) Due to the nature of this part of the question, I request the honourable member put this part of the question on notice.
- (3) No.