

SOCIAL HOUSING — STOCK

**258. Ms L. METTAM to the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to my question 11 weeks ago regarding the number of social housing homes in Western Australia, and the minister's inability to provide a definite answer at that time. Given that Australian Institute of Health and Welfare data shows that there were 44 332 social housing dwellings in WA in 2017, and the minister's answer in the other place from January 2023 that there were 43 458 social housing dwellings at that time, yes or no: are there more social housing dwellings now than there were when the government came to power in 2017?

**Mr J.N. CAREY replied:**

I can say to the Leader of the Opposition—sorry, the Leader of the Liberal Party—that our state government is making a record investment in social housing in Western Australia. That is a fact. We are making substantial, ongoing investments, despite facing the tightest construction market in the history of Western Australia. To date, we have added 1 200 homes into the system, and we have around 1 000 under contract or construction. Those are facts. When I speak to stakeholders, they understand that this government is doing everything it can, using every lever it can, to accelerate the delivery of social housing in Western Australia.