

GOVERNMENT REGIONAL OFFICERS' HOUSING — SECURITY

1161. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the provision of housing to teachers in remote regional locations, such as Fitzroy Crossing.

- (1) Is the minister aware of any issues with the level of protective security installed in housing provided to teachers located in Fitzroy Crossing?
- (2) Are the standards of security provided to teachers commensurate with those provided to other public sector workers located in Fitzroy Crossing?
- (3) If no to (2), can the minister please explain why?
- (4) Will the minister commit to investigating whether the current security standards need updating and further security upgrades are needed across the Department of Education's Government Regional Officers' Housing network?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

This question was lodged on 8 December so I am going to give the honourable member the answer as at 8 December, but perhaps I will catch up with the member behind the chair to talk about what has happened since then.

- (1)–(4) Government Regional Officers' Housing properties comply with the minimum security provisions set out in regulation 12B of the Residential Tenancies Regulations 1989. GROH properties that are leased from private landlords are audited prior to occupation to ensure minimum security provisions are met. If a GROH leased property does not meet the minimum security provisions, the decision to accept the leased property sits with the client agency, or an alternative property is sought. Individual client agencies may also provide additional security provisions for their employees. I am advised that the Department of Education has made one request for additional security at a GROH property in Fitzroy Crossing. All associated costs will be met by the Department of Education.