

KEYSTART — INTEREST RATE POLICY

397. Ms L. METTAM to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. These home owners are struggling to keep a roof over their heads, so why did the Premier not act sooner before this front page headline?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

We undertook a review, which we do occasionally, to make sure that all our policies are appropriately structured and are doing the job that we want them to do. The Minister for Housing, who has been a huge advocate for those who are struggling in our community, particularly through his homelessness portfolio, is doing amazing work to make sure that we increase our social housing supply to assist those who are struggling to get a roof over their heads and are struggling with acute homelessness to make sure that they have the supports and the sort of accommodation they need, but also to assist those in the transitional period to access the loan arrangements under Keystart on their way to becoming long-term home owners. As a result of the review that is undertaken, we are now in a position to make these announcements to provide great relief.