

SOCIAL HOUSING — MODULAR CONSTRUCTION

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

I refer to the government's modular build program and the allocation of 200 homes, including 150 in regional Western Australia.

- (1) What is the criteria for allocation of the 150 homes for regional WA?
- (2) How many tranches will there be and over what time period?
- (3) Will any homes be allocated to communities in the electorate of Central Wheatbelt?
- (4) If yes to (3), where will the houses be allocated and when will each house be contracted and delivered?
- (5) If no to (3), why are no homes allocated for this region?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(5) The modular program was made possible by the state government's \$875 million record investment in social housing in the 2021–22 state budget. The modular program commenced in late 2021, with a pilot modular building panel to kickstart the commitment to deliver more than 200 modular social homes across the state. Under the pilot panel, 36 modular social homes have been contracted to date, located in Leonora, Kalgoorlie, Geraldton, Manjimup, Katanning and Albany. The Department of Communities has sought industry interest to join a statewide panel to bolster future works through the modular program. The statewide panel is expected to be finalised in April 2022 and the allocation of works packages will then be progressed. Locations will be determined based on waitlist demand, land availability and other factors, including local building industry capacity.