# **Estimates and Financial Operations Committee**

### 2017-18 Annual Report hearings - Additional questions

### **Department of Communities**

# Hon Colin Tinckneil MLC asked:

(1) How many micro lots will be made available at Ellenbrook?

#### Answer:

As at December 2018, 11 micro lots have been created in Ellenbrook. A further six have received planning approval.

(2) On what basis was Ellenbrook selected as the site for the micro lot trial?

#### Answer:

The LWP Property Group was instrumental in bringing the micro lot concept to reality. Ellenbrook provided the perfect opportunity for the concept because:

- Ellenbrook is a well-established suburb;
- The town centre of Ellenbrook provided the necessary amenity to support a micro lot product; .
- . The micro lots are complementary to other small lot medium density housing typologies, such as Terrace and Townhouses that are already being produced in the town centre; and
- The micro lots aligned with the Affordable Housing Strategy by providing home buyers with ٠ alternatives to traditional housing that is both of a high quality and affordable.

The Department of Communities' development partner, LWP Property Group, identified an opportunity to bring a new affordable housing offering to the Western Australian housing market through the creation of micro lots.

Since its commencement in 1993, the Ellenbrook joint venture has been at the forefront of housing and urban development innovation in Western Australia.

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3. With reference to page 20 regarding Government housing statistics, of the 44,411 homes, how many tenants voluntarily ended a tenancy during 2017-18 including those on the Assisted Rental Pathways Pilot?

# Answer:

Of the 44,411 homes listed in the Annual Report, 36,587 are public housing properties. In 2017-18, the number of public housing tenancies voluntarily vacated was 3,688 tenancies, of which three were part of the Assisted Rental Pathways Pilot in 2017-18.

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4. How long does the average government housing tenant live in government accommodation? Answer:

The Department of Communities' tenancy data for Government Regional Officers' Housing (GROH) accommodation is available from 18 March 2000 to present.

The average length of tenancy for government officers living in GROH accommodation between 18 March 2000 and 25 November 2018 was two years and three months. During this period, the longest tenancy was 18 years.

As at 26 November 2018, there are 4,159 GROH dwellings across regional Western Australia that are occupied by government officers. The average length of tenancy for the current tenants is two years and five months.

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