

SOUTH HEDLAND CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PROJECT

205. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the South Hedland central business district project announced by Labor but now claimed by the government as part of royalties for regions.

- (1) How many new dwellings would be built if the government gave immediate approval for stages two and three of this project to proceed?
- (2) What is the cost of stages two and three?
- (3) When does the government plan to fund this cost?
- (4) Given the housing crisis in South Hedland, why is the government refusing immediate funding of stages two and three of this project?

Hon WENDY DUNCAN replied:

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

- (1) Stages 1 and 2 in the South Hedland town centre are funded and will produce 600 new dwellings.
- (2) Stages 1 and 2 costs are \$23.3 million. Stage 3 is currently being calculated for submission to government.
- (3) Subject to the outcomes of due diligence, funding options and timing of the project will be considered.
- (4) Funding has been provided for stages 1 and 2, and stage 3 funding is still to be determined. The Minister for Lands is working to deliver much-needed land for housing in South Hedland.