

BINDI BINDI ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY — HOUSING

123. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works:

- (1) How many houses have been demolished by the state government at Bindi Bindi Aboriginal community in Onslow?
- (2) How many houses at Bindi Bindi are scheduled to be demolished by the state government and when?
- (3) When is work to commence on the six new two to three-bedroom replacement homes that were proposed for Bindi Bindi?
- (4) Will the minister give an assurance to the community residents at Bindi Bindi that the state government is not proposing to close their community village at Onslow?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

The Department of Housing advises —

- (1) Three triplexes equating to nine units.
- (2) The Department of Housing has no plans to demolish further houses at this point.
- (3) Houses are currently under construction in factory and when completed will be delivered to the township of Onslow and targeted for Bindi Bindi community residents. In addition, the department has commenced the refurbishment of six units as part of its 2009–10 program. These works are approximately 70 per cent complete.
- (4) The Minister for Housing and Works has no jurisdiction in this regard. This question should be referred to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.