

MARGARET RIVER — SOCIAL HOUSING

**802. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the article in the *Augusta-Margaret River Times* of 29 May headed “Forum hears housing mix complicated”.

- (1) Is the minister concerned about the data collected by the Margaret River Community Resource Centre that shows 43 homeless people are living in Margaret River?
- (2) Does the minister agree with the statement made by the Shire of Augusta–Margaret River strategic project officer that the region’s social housing stock is ageing and often mismatched to clients?
- (3) What is the government doing to provide appropriate social housing and crisis accommodation in the Margaret River region?

**Hon COL HOLT replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. This has been in the file since 16 June, but I do not think it will change the nature of the content.

- (1) Although I do not know how the data was collected by the Margaret River Community Resource Centre, I am always concerned about homelessness.
- (2) No.
- (3) Two dwellings will be constructed by August 2015, one in Cowaramup and one in Margaret River. Additional to this, the state government has committed \$560 million to the social housing investment program to help house those on the priority wait list.