

AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY

**741. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the minister's statement "Affordable Housing Strategy ahead of schedule" on 6 August.

- (1) Does the affordable housing strategy 2010–2020 rely on federal funding?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the dollar figure of these components and when is each funding component due to expire?
- (3) How much of the \$115 million provided to states and territories by the federal government for homelessness initiatives delivered by the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness will WA receive?
- (4) How will the government fund its commitment to 20 000 affordable housing opportunities by 2020 beyond 2015 when the federal money for the NPAH expires?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

The Department of Housing advises —

- (1) The affordable housing strategy is part of a whole-of-government approach to address the state's economic, population growth and affordable housing challenges through partnering with the public, private and not-for-profit sectors to deliver innovative housing solutions and viable alternatives to social housing. Commonwealth funding supports this strategy, in part.
- (2) Relevant commonwealth funding is \$117 million for the National Affordable Housing Agreement in 2013–14, which is an ongoing agreement; \$191 million for the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing in 2013–14, which agreement runs until 30 June 2018 and funding has been provided in the commonwealth's budget and forward estimates; and the estimated net present value of the commonwealth's share of approved incentives under the national rental affordability scheme over 10 years, which is \$239 million, with no further incentives to be approved.
- (3) WA will receive \$14.97 million administered by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support.
- (4) Although the government will continue to advocate strongly for a sustained funding commitment from the commonwealth to address homelessness, including funding to build more facilities for homelessness services, there is no significant impact arising from cessation of NPAH funding on the government's ability to achieve its targets under the state affordable housing strategy.