

HOUSING AUTHORITY — CONNECTED LIVING INITIATIVE

926. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the Housing Authority's Connected Living initiative, which was launched on 2 December 2015.

- (1) To date, how many expressions of interest has the government received from within the private sector?
- (2) When will the government announce a short list of developers who have progressed to the detailed proposal stage?
- (3) When does the government anticipate work will begin at the seven sites?
- (4) When does the government expect the project will be completed?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I have launched Connected Living, an initiative that will lead the way in future infill and transient-oriented living in metropolitan Perth. This is a unique opportunity for developers to deliver new products to the affordable residential housing market on as many as seven sites. Fundamental to this transformation is the Housing Authority leveraging its land assets to deliver joint private-public development projects that facilitate innovative designs as well as new approaches to construction techniques, materials, delivery methods and commercial partnering arrangements. The Connected Living vision is to "Help transform the housing market in Perth through the delivery of more affordable developments around key transit precincts and activity centres". This is the first time the Housing Authority has engaged in a transport-aligned initiative of this scale, and I am positive about the diversity it will bring to the people of Perth.

The state government is committed to transforming the Western Australian housing market through the delivery of innovative and affordable property developments.

The Housing Authority has provided the following information.

- (1) Thirteen expressions of interest have been received.
- (2) On 2 September 2016, the Minister for Housing announced that a preferred respondent had been chosen to prepare detailed proposals for each of the Butler, East Perth, Gosnells and Perth sites and two short-listed respondents have been invited to prepare detailed proposals for the Midland site. The Housing Authority will release the names of the developers when negotiations have been completed.
- (3)-(4) The timing for construction and delivery of resulting developments will be determined by the detailed proposals put forward by proponents. The Housing Authority anticipates development of the first site to commence in late 2017, with completion anticipated in 2019.