

GOVERNMENT REGIONAL OFFICERS' HOUSING — MEDIAN RENT

857. Hon SUE ELLERY to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) What was the Perth median rent for July to September 2015 for one, two, three, four and five-bedroom properties that was used as the basis for the current Government Regional Officers' Housing tenant rent-setting framework?
- (2) How was the rent increase for GROH calculated?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Perth median rent used as the basis for the current GROH tenant rent-setting framework policy was for the period for April to June 2015 and was \$360 for a one to two-bedroom house, \$400 for a three-bedroom house, \$470 for a four-bedroom house and \$595 for a five-bedroom house.
- (2) Rent increases for GROH are calculated according to the GROH tenant rent-setting framework policy. Under the policy, tenant rent was determined on the basis of an automatic 20 per cent discount to Perth median rents and increases were capped to \$10 per week, per year. In November 2015, the policy was amended by removing the automatic discount to Perth median rent and capping rent increases to \$30 per week. The new rent calculation method took effect on 1 July 2016. Under the policy, discounts to the maximum rent payable for a GROH tenant may apply based on the location and amenity of the property. These discounts are automatically applied. Government agencies have the discretion to set rents for individual employees below the maximum rent as defined in the policy. These agencies can pass on increases in part or in full.