

GOVERNMENT REGIONAL OFFICERS' HOUSING — TOM PRICE

45. Hon STEPHEN DAWSON to the Minister for Housing:

I refer to Government Regional Officers' Housing in Tom Price.

- (1) Which Department of Housing office is responsible for the management of GRO housing in Tom Price and how often do officers visit Tom Price?
- (2) For all GROH properties in Tom Price —
 - (a) what is the total number;
 - (b) how many are currently tenanted;
 - (c) how many are currently vacant; and
 - (d) how many are awaiting maintenance issues to be fixed?
- (3) For all properties in (2)(d), what is the time frame for resolution of all problems?
- (4) What was the value of funds paid for maintenance undertaken by the previous head contractor in the 12 months to November 2014?
- (5) What were the standard contractual arrangements for routine inspection of properties by the head contractor and are all properties inspected before and after each tenancy?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

The Department of Housing advises —

- (1) With regard to the South Hedland office, until November 2014, an officer from the department was located in Tom Price. Since that time, an officer of the department has been attending Tom Price for one week every three weeks.
- (2) For all GROH properties in Tom Price there are —
 - (a) 71 Department of Housing owned properties and 10 privately leased properties;
 - (b) 69;
 - (c) 12; and
 - (d) 43.
- (3) Under the head contract agreement, the time frame for completion of works depends upon the urgency of the works required as follows: emergency, eight hours; urgent, 24 hours; priority, 48 hours; routine, 28 days. Programmed maintenance—non-essential upgrade works such as external painting—is undertaken as and when required in batches to ensure value for money.
- (4) The value of funds paid for maintenance undertaken by the previous head contractor in the 12 months to November 2014 was \$383 439.
- (5) All Department of Housing properties, including GROH properties, are inspected at the beginning and end of each tenancy, as well as annually, while tenanted. Tenancies are inspected more frequently if maintenance issues are identified. These inspections are undertaken by Department of Housing officers, not the head contractor.