

HOUSING — VACANT HOUSES — KALGOORLIE

1330. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to media reports in the *Kalgoorlie Miner* regarding seven vacant houses in Brown Avenue, Kalgoorlie, and I ask:

- (a) as of 1 June 2014, how many applications exist for public housing in the Goldfields Region, and how many years has the longest applicant been waiting;
- (b) as of 1 June 2014, how many of the applicants currently waiting on public housing in the Goldfields region identify as Aboriginal;
- (c) what immediate action has, or will be taken, by the Department of Housing regarding the Brown Avenue housing complex given that the Goldfields Indigenous Housing Association advised that it does not have capacity to manage the facility;
- (d) how long has the Department of Housing been aware that seven houses in the Brown Avenue complex are vacant; and
- (e) how quickly will the Department of Housing act to appoint tenants to the vacant properties in the Brown Avenue complex?

**Hon Ken Baston replied:**

The Department of Housing advises:

- (a) There are 433 applicants. Longest applicant has a list date of 30 November 2004. This applicant has had his application transferred between the metropolitan area and Kalgoorlie with Kalgoorlie having been his preference since November 2013.
- (b) There are 249 applicants.
- (c) The Department of Housing has taken over the management of the complex and is in negotiations with a not for profit group that is interested in managing the complex in the longer term.
- (d) Since the Department took over management of the units on 1 July 2014.
- (e) Offers have been made to applicants from the waiting list.