

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HOUSING — FUNDING

7514. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Housing

- (1) Which Government Departments or Agencies are in receipt of the \$6.3 million allocated in 2011–12 for the public and community housing sub-program; and
 - (a) how much of the allocated \$6.3 million budget for 2011–12 will be spent in 2011–12;
 - (b) what are the individual programs within this budget allocation and how much are they costing;
 - (c) which Government Departments or Agencies are managing these programs; and
 - (d) what is the aim of each program and what progress has been made to date?
- (2) What energy efficiency measures have been installed to date in public housing?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Department of Housing advises:

- (1) The Department of Housing is in receipt of the \$6.3 million allocated in 2011–12 for the public and community housing sub-program. The Department received \$3.9 million in June 2011 and \$ 2.4 million in March 2012.
 - (a) \$1.4 million of the allocated \$6.3 million budget for 2011–12 will be spent in 2011–12. The use of the funds includes the scoping of the project, the surveying of properties and the purchase of 500 hot water units.
 - (b) The budget allocation is solely for the provision of efficient water heating in public housing.
 - (c) The Department of Housing has full responsibility for managing and delivering the program, with input and advice from the Public Utilities Office.
 - (d) The aim of the program is to assist public housing tenants with the rising cost of utility bills, while also reducing the greenhouse emissions caused by inefficient electric resistance hot water units. The program has commenced and the Department is currently undertaking cost and feasibility surveys on properties with electric resistance hot water units targeted for replacement. Installation of replacement energy efficient units will commence once the cost and feasibility surveys have been completed.
- (2) In newly constructed properties, the Department incorporates the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.