

SOUTH WEST REGION — AFFORDABLE HOUSING

3700. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Housing

I refer to the Minister's announcement, made on 5 February 2010, of Federal Government funding to build 285 new affordable dwellings for the South West by early January 2011, and ask —

- (1) Were the 285 new affordable dwellings completed by early January 2011?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) How many have been completed to date?
- (4) When will the balance be completed?
- (5) Will all of the 285 new affordable dwellings be Homewest housing?
- (6) If no to (5) —
 - (a) how many will be Homewest housing; and
 - (b) what is proposed for the balance?
- (7) What sort of housing has been built (unit, house, number of bedrooms, number of bathrooms) and how many of each?
- (8) What additional funding has the State Government committed to build additional new affordable dwellings in —
 - (a) the Greater Bunbury area; and
 - (b) Busselton —in view of the continuing chronic shortage of affordable housing in these areas?
- (9) In relation to (8) —
 - (a) what is the construction timeframe; and
 - (b) how many new dwellings will be built?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Housing advises as at 15 March 2011:

- (1) No
- (2) The number of dwellings planned was reduced to 274 units, due to changes in the program and a reallocation of priorities since the original announcement was made. There was a general shortage of trades and some materials due to the amount of work in progress in the Southwest, including the Commonwealth Stimulus Schools projects, which led to delays in completing some of the projects.
- (3) 186 dwellings. In addition, through the utilisation of funding sources other than the State and Commonwealth Stimulus Packages, a further 64 units have been completed for Social Housing since 2008–2009.
- (4) 16 dwellings in April 2011, 62 dwellings in May 2011, 10 dwellings in July 2011. In addition, through the utilisation of funding sources other than the State and Commonwealth Stimulus Packages, a further 51 units are currently under construction for Social Housing.
- (5) No
- (6) (a) 124
(b) The remaining 150 dwellings will be managed by Community Housing Organisations to provide Social Housing. Of these, 142 dwellings will be transferred to these Community Housing Organisations to own as part of the Department's Asset Transfer commitments.
- (7) Aged Persons
3x Single Bedroom Town House
37x Two Bedroom Town House
80x Single Bedroom Apartment
24x Two Bedroom Apartment
Family
11x Three Bedroom Single Detached House
8x Four Bedroom Single Detached House

2x Five Bedroom Single Detached House
1x Six Bedroom Single Detached House
4x Two Bedroom Duplex
7x Three Bedroom Duplex
1x Five Bedroom Duplex
36x Two Bedroom Town House
9x Three Bedroom Town House
1x Five Bedroom Town House

Singles

50x Single Bedroom Town House

- (8) (a) Since 2008-2009 — \$16.5 million (plus \$5.4 million through the State Stimulus package).
- (8) (b) Since 2008-2009 — \$3.7 million (plus \$5 million through the State Stimulus package).
- (9) (a) Since 2008-2009, utilising additional funding sources other than the State and Commonwealth Stimulus Packages, 61 dwellings have been completed. Another 28 are under construction (9 dwellings due for completion in April 2011, 3 dwellings in June 2011, 9 dwellings in August 2011 and 7 dwellings in December 2011).
- (9) (b) Since 2008-2009, utilising additional funding sources other than the State and Commonwealth Stimulus Packages, 74 dwellings have been commenced in the Greater Bunbury area, of which 55 are complete, and 15 dwellings have been commenced in Busselton, of which 6 are complete.