

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING — PORTFOLIOS —
GOVERNMENT REGIONAL OFFICERS' HOUSING

2282. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to Government Regional Officer Housing that is allocated to your departments and I ask with respect to each department under your control:

- (a) how many properties are allocated to each department;
- (b) if these properties are provided from an individual or organisation other than the Department of Communities (Housing) please identify the source;
- (c) please provide a breakdown of housing by departmental region;
- (d) please identify the number of properties per region where officers or staff are required to pay rent and those which receive their accommodation rent free;
- (e) with respect to officers and staff who pay rent please identify the variance between the rent paid by the officer or staff member and the cost paid by the department to provide the property in total by region;
- (f) is the cost charged to the department a charge based on market value, and who determines market value; and
- (g) if yes to (f), how frequently is a review of the applicable market value undertaken?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

Department of Education

- (a) The Department of Education has 1 962 Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) properties allocated to it as at 4 July 2019.
- (b) All Department GROH properties are provided by the Department of Communities' GROH program.
- (c) GROH housing in Department regions:

Region	Number
Goldfields	366
Kimberley	400
Midwest	191
Pilbara	565
Southwest	132
Wheatbelt	300
South Metropolitan	3
North Metropolitan	5

- (d) GROH houses with charged rent and staff rent-free status by region:

Region	Number who pay rent	Number who are rent-free
Goldfields	304	62
Kimberley	237	163
Midwest	178	13
Pilbara	537	28
Southwest	132	0
Wheatbelt	300	0
South Metropolitan	3	0
North Metropolitan	5	0

- (e) Estimated regional variance between tenant rent and Department rent (per fortnight), excluding staff rent-free houses:

Region	Estimated variance (\$ per fortnight)
Goldfields	189 000
Kimberley	225 000

Midwest	112 000
Pilbara	418 000

- (f) This question is best referred to the Department of Communities.
- (g) This question is best referred to the Department of Communities.

Department of Training and Workforce Development

Building Construction Industry Training Fund

- (a) Nil.
- (b)–(g) Not applicable.