

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING — UNOCCUPIED DWELLINGS, BUNBURY

628. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) Can the minister advise how many Department of Housing dwellings are in the greater Bunbury region?
- (2) How many of these are currently unoccupied?
- (3) For the unoccupied dwellings —
 - (a) what is the reason for these being unoccupied; and
 - (b) when will these properties be ready for lease again?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Department of Housing advises —

- (1) There are 1 174 public housing properties in the department's Bunbury zone.
- (2) As at 31 May 2014, 20 properties—that is less than two per cent—were unoccupied.
- (3)
 - (a) Since 31 May 2014, five properties have subsequently been occupied. Of the remainder, one has significant fire damage, four are undergoing refurbishment, three are undergoing vacated maintenance, one is awaiting allocation, and six are in a non-lettable code. Properties may be non-lettable for a variety of reasons, including redevelopment, sale or major refurbishment.
 - (b) Due to the level of detailed information required, the department is unable to provide the information in the time available. If the member would be kind enough to place the question on notice, I will endeavour to provide a detailed response.