

PUBLIC HOUSING — HEATING, COOLING AND SECURITY

4312. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Housing
- (1) In relation to ceiling or roof insulation, I ask:
- (a) how many Department of Housing properties have ceiling insulation;
  - (b) how many Department of Housing properties do not have ceiling insulation;
  - (c) what is the current schedule of works for homes owned by the Department of Housing to be fitted with insulation; and
  - (d) for Department of Housing homes, what is the average reduction in home heating and cooling costs following the installation of ceiling insulation?
- (2) Considering the need for tenants of Department of Housing properties to open windows for home cooling while keeping safe from the risk of intrusion, I ask:
- (a) how many Department of Housing properties have security screens;
  - (b) how many Department of Housing properties do not have security screens; and
  - (c) what is the current schedule of works for homes owned by the Department of Housing to be fitted with home security screens?
- (3) In view of the enormous energy efficiency of ceiling fans, compared with air conditioners, I ask:
- (a) how many Department of Housing properties have ceiling fans in the main bedroom;
  - (b) how many Department of Housing properties have ceiling fans in the main living area;
  - (c) how many Department of Housing properties do not have ceiling fans;
  - (d) what is the current schedule of works for homes owned by the Department of Housing to be fitted with home ceiling fans; and
  - (e) how many department of Housing properties have air conditioners?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Department of Housing advises:

- (1)
- (a) 26 441
  - (b) 16 328 which also includes multi storey high rise units where insulation installation is not applicable.
  - (c) The Department will install ceiling insulation at any property where the household head (tenant) or partner is aged 80 years or older. Any tenant aged under 80 years of age can apply for insulation to be installed at the property under special conditions. Ceiling insulation is provided in all new construction in the North West, implemented since 1990.
  - (d) This information is not available to the Department.
- (2)
- (a) The Department does not record this information.
  - (b) The Department does not record this information.
  - (c) All designated seniors' accommodation is provided with security screens to adjustable accessible windows. Tenants other than seniors' accommodation may apply to have security screens fitted to windows with each case being individually assessed
- (3)
- (a) The Department does not record this information.
  - (b) The Department does not record this information.
  - (c) The Department does not record this information.
  - (d) The Department installs ceiling fans to new properties in the North West, Kalgoorlie and remote areas. Where properties are not fitted with ceiling fans tenants living in those areas may apply to have them fitted.
  - (e) Air conditioners are not a standard item in public housing properties. The Department does not record this information.