

PUBLIC HOUSING — MARGARET RIVER–AUGUSTA

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

- (1) Were recent media reports that the average wait time for public housing in Margaret River is six months longer than the state average correct?
- (2) How many properties are available in the Margaret River zone and the Augusta zone?
- (3) How many people were on the waitlist in each zone in September 2013?
- (4) How many people are currently on the waitlist in each zone?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) The average wait time reported to the *Augusta Margaret River Times* for applicants housed from 31 December 2012 to 31 December 2013 was 161 weeks—that is, three years and one month. The statewide average for the same period was 135 weeks—that is, two years and seven months.
- (2) As at 31 January 2014, nil.
- (3) The number of people per application cannot be retrospectively reported by zone. The number of applications for Margaret River was 55 and for Augusta was eight.
- (4) As at 31 January 2014, there were 56 applications, equalling 109 people, for Margaret River, and eight applications, equalling 15 people, for Augusta.