

ATTORNEY GENERAL — PORTFOLIOS — GOVERNMENT REGIONAL OFFICERS' HOUSING

2288. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

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) (a) how many properties are allocated to each department;
- (b) (b) if these properties are provided from an individual or organisation other than the Department of Communities (Housing) please identify the source;
- (c) (c) please provide a breakdown of housing by departmental region;
- (d) (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) (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) (f) is the cost charged to the department a charge based on market value, and who determines market value; and
- (g) (g) if yes to (f), how frequently is a review of the applicable market value undertaken?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

Department of Justice:

The data provided below is the expenditure for June 2019. Both the dollar value and count change on a regular basis, so a single point-of-time value has been taken. All properties are fully or partially subsidised by the Department of Justice (the Department).

- (a) The total properties allocated to the Department is 521. Of the total, 477 are allocated to Corrective Services (CS) and 44 to Court and Tribunal Services (CTS).
- (b) All properties are provided by the Department of Communities (Housing).
- (c) The table below reflects the total number of allocated properties by region.

Region	Total
East Kimberley	30
Goldfields	108
Mid-west	21
Pilbara	147
West Kimberley	195
Wheatbelt	8
Great Southern	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>521</b>

- (d) The table below reflects the Corrective Services (CS) and Court and Tribunal (CTS) Services properties split for the month of June 2019.

Region	Total		Vacant		Rent: Free to employee *		Rent: employee contribution **	
	CS	CTS	CS	CTS	CS	CTS	CS	CTS
East Kimberley	25	5	3	1	4	0	18	4
Goldfields	98	10	4	0	6	0	88	10
Mid-west	14	7	0	0	5	0	9	7
Pilbara	140	7	5	0	135	0	0	7
West Kimberley	187	8	16	0	13	0	158	8
Wheatbelt	5	3	0	0	1	0	4	3

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Great Southern	8	4	0	0	1	0	7	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>43</b>

*There are 29 current vacant properties due to staff vacancies*

- (e) The table below provides a breakdown of the Department versus employee contribution value for the month of June 2019 (rounded to the nearest \$):

Region	Rent: Paid (\$) by DoJ *		Rent: Paid (\$) by employee **		Total paid to Housing	
	CS	CTS	CS	CTS	CS	CTS
East Kimberley	\$76,678	\$7,354	\$7,071	\$3,896	\$83,749	\$11,250
Goldfields	\$200,932	\$8,944	\$48,734	\$11,296	\$249,666	\$20,240
Mid-west	\$27,617	\$7,744	\$10,258	\$8,136	\$37,875	\$15,880
Pilbara	\$492,881	\$13,972	\$0	\$6,872	\$492,881	\$20,844
West Kimberley	\$496,565	\$9,330	\$58,798	\$8,590	\$555,363	\$17,920
Wheatbelt	\$4,460	\$1,572	\$3,340	\$2,832	\$7,800	\$4,404
Great Southern	\$32,070	\$3,056	\$7,475	\$3,884	\$39,545	\$6,940
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,331,203</b>	<b>\$51,972</b>	<b>\$135,676</b>	<b>\$45,506</b>	<b>\$1,466,879</b>	<b>\$97,478</b>

*The amount payable by the employees is set by Communities in the Tennant Rent Setting Framework (TRSF).*

Legal Aid Western Australia:

- (a) 11  
(b) NA.  
(c) See table below.

Region	Number of properties
Pilbara	3
Kimberley	6
Goldfields	1
Gascoyne	1

- (d) See table below.

Region	Number of properties where staff are required to pay rent	Number of properties where accommodation is rent free
Pilbara	3	0
Kimberley	6	0
Goldfields	1	0
Gascoyne	1	0

- (e) See table below.

Region	Variance between rent paid by staff member and department (Total per fortnight)
Pilbara	\$3876
Kimberley	\$4774
Goldfields	\$588
Gascoyne	\$458

- (f) Market value is determined by the Department of Communities based on their property valuations.  
(g) It is understood that this is undertaken annually, or as determined by Department of Communities.