

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING — HEDLAND HOUSING STOCK

674. Hon STEPHEN DAWSON to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to Department of Housing stock in Hedland.

- (1) At 15 June 2014, how many non-service worker houses did the department manage, and how many of those houses were empty?
- (2) Does the department have any agreements with non-government agencies to provide houses; and, if so, which agencies?
- (3) Will the minister table a copy of any such agreements or memoranda of understanding?
- (4) Can the minister advise which agency makes the final decision on a tenant's eligibility and suitability for service worker accommodation in Osprey Village?
- (5) Will the minister table a copy of any criteria used to assess the suitability of tenants for Osprey Village?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. On behalf of the Minister for Housing, the Department of Housing advises —

- (1) As at 31 May, the department managed the following properties that should fall out of the broad definition of non-service worker housing in Hedland —
 - (i) a total of 413 Government Regional Officers' Housing properties, of which 29 were vacant;
 - (ii) a total of 26 non-government organisation housing properties, of which none were vacant;
 - (iii) a total of 618 public housing properties, of which 29 were vacant; and
 - (iv) a total of 51 community housing properties for which the department does not manage tenancies and does not have vacancy data.
- (2) Yes. The NGOs that received housing under the royalties for regions NGO housing intervention 2011 are the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia, the Bloodwood Tree Association, Drug Arm WA, Lifestyle Solutions, Len Taplin Children Services, the Pilbara Meta Maya Regional Aboriginal Corporation, Relationships Australia WA Inc, the Rose Nowers Early Learning Centre Inc, the Small Business Centre East Pilbara, Southern Cross Care, the Treloar Child Care Centre, Wangka Maya Pilbara Aboriginal Language, the Wirraka Maya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation, Yorghum, and the Youth Involvement Council. In addition, two NGOs are currently renting surplus GROH properties in Hedland—the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation and Southern Cross Care.
- (3) Each NGO occupies properties under a head lease agreement with the organisation, and its tenant occupies a property under a tenancy agreement. In the case of the NGOs renting GROH surplus property, the department has a direct residential tenancy agreement in place. Copies can be provided if required.
- (4) The Osprey Village allocations committee makes the final decision. Committee members include representatives from a number of organisations, including the Pilbara Development Commission —the chair, the Department of Housing, Fleetwood, the Town of Port Hedland, Foundation Housing and the Port Hedland Chamber of Commerce.
- (5) I table the information.

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