

PORT HEDLAND — SERVICE WORKER HOUSING

**519. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:**

I refer to the minister's media statement of 22 June 2012 in relation to a housing package for service workers in Port Hedland.

- (1) What is the total cost of the project and how much of that cost will be provided by the state government?
- (2) For the state government contribution —
  - (a) what agencies are providing funding;
  - (b) how much is provided from each agency; and
  - (c) what items in the 2012–13 budget papers show the funding?
- (3) For any non–state government contribution —
  - (a) what groups are providing funding; and
  - (b) how much is being provided by each group?

**HON WENDY DUNCAN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. I note that the question is dated 27 June, so the answer is at that date.

- (1) It is assumed the question refers to the Osprey service workers' project. Negotiations are still progressing with the first-ranked proponent, and at this stage it is not possible to accurately detail the total cost.
- (2)
  - (a) The package of works referred to in the joint ministerial media statement of 22 June is to be funded by royalties for regions and delivered through the Department of Housing.
  - (b) The Department of Housing is providing \$20.5 million funding towards the project from the royalties for regions regional infrastructure and headworks fund—"Housing for Workers".
  - (c) It is chapter 7, "Royalties for Regions", regional infrastructure projects, "Housing for Workers".
- (3) Negotiations are still underway regarding third party funding.