

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING — PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS

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

- (1) Has the Department of Housing engaged the services of private investigators in the financial years 2012–13, 2012–13, 2013–14 and 2014 to date?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) how many investigations have taken place;
 - (b) what was the total cost of these services;
 - (c) for what purpose were they engaged;
 - (d) does the department engage private investigators to verify whether Homeswest tenants have housemates; and
 - (e) was the Minister for Housing aware of these investigations?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question, and I answer on behalf of the Minister for Housing.

- (1) Yes.
- (2)
 - (a) Eleven.
 - (b) \$98 214.24.
 - (c) Disciplinary investigations.
 - (d)–(e) No.