

SOUTH HEDLAND — OSPREY KEY WORKER VILLAGE

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

I refer to the Osprey Key worker village in South Hedland.

- (1) For each of the one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom properties in the village —
 - (a) what is the current occupancy rate;
 - (b) what was the cost to build the property; and
 - (c) what is the weekly rent?
- (2) Who was consulted in determining the final make-up of the accommodation types?
- (3) For what period will the village remain in situ?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1)
 - (a) As at 2 May 2014, there are 41 one-bedroom, 10 two-bedroom and four three-bedroom properties.
 - (b) The development cost \$95 million with the following funding breakdown: Fleetwood Corporation, \$42 million; Department of Housing, \$33 million; and royalties for regions, \$20 million.
 - (c) The rents are based on income and are \$470 a week for a one-bedroom property, \$740 a week for a two-bedroom and \$950 a week for a three-bedroom property.
- (2) The Department of Housing and Fleetwood Corporation determined the final unit configuration after consulting with local businesses, the Pilbara Development Commission, local government, community groups and the then Department of Regional Development and Lands. In July 2012 when the transaction was executed, it was based on a severe shortage of rental properties in Hedland, a need to address significant demand for one, two and three-bedroom accommodation, and to build housing capacity in Hedland.
- (3) The Osprey Key worker village is permanent.