

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION — PROPERTIES OWNED

909. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the *Department of Environment and Conservation's Annual Report 2011–2012* in relation to property, plant and equipment, and ask:

- (a) how many residential houses or other residential properties does the department own;
- (b) how many residential houses or other residential accommodation does the department lease;
- (c) what is the location, size and cost for both owned and leased residential properties;
- (d) how many employees receive housing assistance, (for example, housing allowance payments or rental assistance) and where are these employees based;
- (e) in relation to office accommodation, how many offices does the department own or lease, and where is this office accommodation located; and
- (f) what is the location, size and cost for both owned and leased office accommodation?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (a) 51
- (b) 193
- (c) Table 1 [See paper 500.], shows location, size and cost. The 'Annual Cost' column records base annual rental payments for houses leased from GROH and private owners.
- (d) 215 employees based in the following locations receive housing assistance of either rental subsidy (203) or home loan interest subsidy scheme payments (12) [See paper 500.]
- (e) The Department of Environment and Conservation owns or leases 82 properties, as shown in Table 2 [See paper 500.]
- (f) Table 2 shows location, size and cost. The "Annual Cost" column records base annual rental payments for leased offices excluding variable outgoings.