

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT — SOUTH WEST REGION

790. Hon ADELE FARINA to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the housing needs assessment for the south west region being undertaken by the South West Development Commission.

- (1) Has the housing needs assessment been completed?
- (2) If no to (1), when will the assessment be complete, given that the minutes of the Withers urban renewal strategy project working group meeting of 18 July 2013 indicate that the assessment would be complete within three months of that meeting? If it has not been provided, what is the cause of the delay?
- (3) If yes to (1), has a report outlining the findings of the assessment been produced, is it available to the public and when will such a report be publicly released?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The Department of Housing advises —

- (1) No.
- (2) The assessment is anticipated to be completed by November 2013. Once relevant findings and recommendations have been considered by the government, appropriate information and consultation will occur with stakeholders, including the community, around any proposed actions. It was initially anticipated that the assessment would be completed by October 2013; however, broader input has been sought and received from local communities, in particular requiring additional coordination and analysis.
- (3) Not applicable.