

HOUSING AUTHORITY — THE TOWERS — ELIZABETH QUAY

**188. Hon ALANNA CLOHESY to the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the Housing Authority's purchase of 38 apartments at The Towers development at Elizabeth Quay.

- (1) What is the estimated total cost of the apartments' purchase?
- (2) What discount as a total percentage or per individual apartment was negotiated as part of the purchase?
- (3) On what date was the agreement to purchase the apartments finalised?
- (4) What role did the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority play in the purchase of the apartments?
- (5) Other than The Towers arrangement, what is the CBD location and number of apartments similarly purchased by the authority for its Opening Doors shared ownership scheme for the financial year 2014–15 and 1 July 2015 to date?

**Hon COL HOLT replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) An agreement to purchase has not been finalised.
- (4) The Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority requires developments in its central Perth redevelopment area to include affordable housing. This is consistent with a longstanding policy to deliver affordable housing in redevelopment areas. The Housing Authority has been in discussions with the MRA and the developer of The Towers to deliver that outcome.
- (5) In 2014–15, one unit in Soda Apartments, 19 Lindsay Street, Perth was purchased; and nine units at Queens Riverside QIII, 10 Adelaide Terrace, East Perth were purchased. In 2015–16, 34 units in Queens Riverside QI and QII, 10 Adelaide Terrace, East Perth were purchased.

In addition, the Housing Authority has delivered, through partnerships with private developers, 18 units in One on Aberdeen, 15 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge; and three units in Abode Apartments, 6 Campbell Street, West Perth. Both of these developments also include public housing and affordable rentals.