

OSPREY KEY WORKER VILLAGE — FLEETWOOD CORPORATION

739. Hon STEPHEN DAWSON to the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the finalising of commercial terms between the Housing Authority and Fleetwood Corporation in relation to Osprey Village.

- (1) Will the Housing Authority continue to pay licence fees to Fleetwood; and, if so, what is the monthly or yearly amount it will pay?
- (2) Will the Housing Authority continue to pay management service fees to Fleetwood and, if so, what is the monthly or yearly amount it will pay?
- (3) Did the Housing for Workers Joint Steering Committee approve the final commercial terms between the Housing Authority and Fleetwood; and, if not, why not?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

- (1) No, as the dwellings are now owned by the Housing Authority.
- (2) Under the new commercial arrangements, Fleetwood will continue to manage the Osprey Key Worker Village in return for a management fee. The management fee includes all costs in relation to vendor financing and management expenses and is subject to a minimum of \$3.8 million per annum. This is offset by rental income generated from the village, which at present exceeds this amount.
- (3) No. The Housing for Workers Joint Steering Committee makes recommendations on royalties for regions investment under the housing for workers program, which considered the \$20 million royalties for regions contribution, and is not the appropriate body for approval of the overall investment and contractual agreement.

Approval rested with the Housing Authority under the Housing Act 1980, and included consultation with the Department of Treasury and the Housing Authority's investment committee, which includes external representatives, on the progress of negotiations and options being considered by the Housing Authority. In particular, they provided input and advice on the preferred option, which formed the basis of the final agreement. In addition, specialist technical and legal advice was obtained.