

THOMPSON STREET, WILUNA — HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

949. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the housing development in Thompson Street, Wiluna, funded by royalties for regions; the answer to a question without notice asked on 30 August 2011 of the Minister for Housing; and the *Kalgoorlie Miner* article of 22 September 2011 entitled “Cost blow-out for housing ‘debacle’”.

- (1) Why did the development blow out by \$257 000?
- (2) What is the estimated cost of the damage sustained by these houses?
- (3) Why is the Department of Housing’s Government Regional Officers’ Housing revenue funding picking up the shortfall, not the royalties for regions fund?
- (4) Why was no licence to build these buildings required from the Shire of Wiluna?
- (5) Who was responsible for the oversight of these constructions?
- (6) When will the construction recommence or has the construction recommenced?

Hon SIMON O’BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The additional costs to complete these properties arise from works required to finalise construction and associated remedial work.
- (2) There is no estimated cost of damage. The repair of any damage incurred is included in the costs to complete construction.
- (3) The department will endeavour to cover any extra costs through the project budget, which was funded by royalties for regions.
- (4) The department has obtained a building compliance certificate for these dwellings in accordance with the legislated process.
- (5) The Department of Housing was responsible.
- (6) Practical completion is scheduled for 2012.