

TAFE AND SCHOOL TEACHERS — SUBSIDISED HOUSING

950. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the government's decision to increase rents for TAFE and school teachers living in country towns by up to \$86 a fortnight.

- (1) How many teachers, TAFE and school, are living in subsidised housing in Mandurah, Albany, Bunbury, Collie and Denmark?
- (2) Does the minister admit that these increases will affect the ability of country schools and TAFE colleges to attract and retain teachers?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

- (1) Rent increases for Government Regional Officers' Housing are calculated according to the GROH tenant rent-setting framework policy. In November 2015, the Liberal-National state government amended the policy by removing the automatic discount to Perth median rent and capping rent increases to \$30 a week. The maximum rent increase payable by GROH tenants is \$60 a fortnight.

The GROH properties allocated to Education in Mandurah is nil; in Albany, 17; in Bunbury, nil; in Collie, 16; and in Denmark, nine. Please refer to the Minister for Education to confirm the number of teachers living in subsidised housing.

- (2) Please refer to the Minister for Education.