

PUBLIC HOUSING — ZONES AND WAITING TIMES

399. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) How many public housing zones does the Department of Housing have?
- (2) Which zone has the longest waiting time for approved priority applicants, and what is the current waiting time for that zone?
- (3) Which zone has the shortest waiting time for approved priority applicants, and what is the current waiting time for that zone?
- (4) How many people are on the priority waiting list for public housing?
- (5) How many new public housing dwellings will be completed this year?
- (6) Of the government target to build 20 000 new homes by 2020, how many of these are public housing dwellings?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Eight country regions and three metropolitan regions.
- (2) East Kimberley, town of Halls Creek, August 2006.
- (3) Great southern, town of Katanning, July 2013.
- (4) As at 31 July 2013, there were 2 974 applications on the priority list, representing 6 902 people.
- (5) The department forecasts that 455 public housing dwellings will be completed in the 2013–14 financial year. This includes 101 dwellings that are forecast to be completed by community housing growth providers. These dwellings will contribute to addressing the waitlist.
- (6) The initial target identified in the “Affordable Housing Strategy 2010–2020: Opening Doors to Affordable Housing” was to increase the supply of social housing by building a minimum of an additional 3 500 social housing dwellings by mid-2013. As at 30 June 2013, the state government has delivered 3 864 additional social housing dwellings.