

HOUSING AUTHORITY — SHIRE OF HARVEY

185. Hon COLIN HOLT to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) Can the minister provide an update on the Housing Authority's land and properties within the town of Yarloop?
- (2) Has the Housing Authority met with the Shire of Harvey to discuss Yarloop town site development plans?
- (3) Has the Housing Authority met with any community housing provider to discuss partnerships or potential asset transfer?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question and acknowledge his longstanding interest in the housing portfolio. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Housing.

- (1) The Housing Authority had 17 public housing properties, one Government Regional Officers' Housing lease and part ownership of a Keystart shared-equity property. There are currently no applicants for public housing in Yarloop. All of these properties were destroyed or significantly damaged, with the exception of a five-unit complex at 18 McDowell Street. These units were deemed uninhabitable due to the lack of basic infrastructure and concerns surrounding asbestos site contamination. They are currently being readied for sale. The Housing Authority has offered to work with the Shire of Harvey to facilitate land swaps and align any public housing replacement with the shire's preferred urban development footprint in the town. It has also offered to help facilitate affordable homeownership opportunities if demand exists.
- (2) Yes, and the Housing Authority has offered to work with the shire's town planning consultants when they are ready. The shire indicated it would contact the Housing Authority in due course.
- (3) Not at this stage. However, it remains an option that could be explored in the future.