

BRUNSWICK RIVER COTTAGES

44. Hon COL HOLT to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Regional Development:

Brunswick River Cottages had \$2.3 million worth of funding approved by cabinet by the previous government for the development of an additional 12 affordable retirement units.

- (1) Will the minister honour this commitment to Brunswick River Cottages?
- (2) If yes to (1), can the minister advise when this funding will be made available?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question and congratulate him on his re-election to represent the South West Region.

Brunswick River Cottages had \$2.3 million approved by Cabinet by the previous government for the development—sorry, that is the question! I am just taking a little while to change over. We are in government now. Apologies, Mr President.

- (1)–(2) The project the member refers to was rushed through cabinet in the final weeks of the Barnett government. All royalties for regions projects are being reviewed to check that sound business cases exist. Priorities will then be set in the lead-up to the 2017–18 state budget as we ensure we deliver the best outcomes for regional Western Australia in a challenging fiscal environment. The government will be prioritising the election commitments it promised to deliver in the regions.