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KEYSTART — URBAN CONNECT

Question without Notice 1098 — Answer

HON JACKIE JARVIS (South West — **Minister for Agriculture and Food)** [5.06 pm]: I provide an answer to Hon Steve Martin's question without notice 1098 asked yesterday. I seek leave to have the response incorporated into *Hansard*. I also seek leave to table documents relating to the answer.

[See paper <u>2574</u>.]

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

Answer

I thank the Honourable Member for some notice of this question.

(1)–(2) The pilot Urban Connect Loan is one of a range of initiatives introduced by the State government aimed to support affordable medium and high density living required to meet

Western Australia's future housing needs including tax concessions, the Infrastructure

Development Fund, and Planning reforms.

For the Urban Connect pilot, Keystart funded a total of \$6,804,100 in loans since the pilot inception on 25 July 2022.

The Urban Connect pilot has received 19 loan applications, all of which have been approved, however two applicants have not proceeded with their loan.

(3) I table the following maps, which are publicly available on Keystart's website and outline the suburbs in which the Urban Connect Loan is available.