

RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES ACT — AMENDMENTS

1014. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the minister representing the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to uncertainty around proposed government changes to tenancy laws and the continuing very low rental vacancy rates in WA.

- (1) Can the minister provide an update on the progress of the changes to the Residential Tenancies Act and provide a time line for when a draft bill will be introduced to Parliament?
- (2) Can the minister confirm that the government is considering the removal of provisions that allow tenants to be evicted for no reason at all?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The Minister for Commerce has provided the following information.

- (1)–(2) The state government is currently undertaking the most comprehensive review of Western Australia’s residential tenancy laws in more than a decade. The review is occurring in two stages. The first stage of the review—the consultation regulatory impact statement—is complete. The second stage, which is the decision regulatory impact statement outlining proposed recommendations for reforms to the Residential Tenancies Act 1987, is well advanced and is being considered by government. The government’s response to the review will be provided in due course.