

SOCIAL HOUSING — TENDERS — GERALDTON

717. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the state government's Tenders WA website. How many tenders for the construction of new builds of social housing in Geraldton have been advertised on the website in the past financial year?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Housing.

The Department of Communities delivers a large volume of works for social housing through Tenders WA that includes new builds, maintenance, refurbishments and other works. The extraction of information specific for Geraldton would require a significant use of government resources and Communities advises that it is not able to provide the information in the time available. Communities currently has three builders panels in place that are listed on Tenders WA: a statewide prefabricated panel, which appointed eight building companies to construct the first tranche of Communities' modular build program; a statewide modular builder panel, which has appointed six building companies to design and construct modular residential housing throughout the state, including homes in regional areas; and a statewide builders panel, which has pre-approved 85 small, medium and large building companies to deliver social housing and further accelerate social housing delivery. The statewide builders panels streamline procurement for social housing projects and pre-qualify companies to deliver the pipeline of state government works. Builders appointed to the panels are shortlisted for works depending on their capability, capacity, location and type of works being delivered. This is part of the state's plans to have a pipeline of housing construction work across a range of locations, build methods and types of dwellings on a site.