SOCIAL HOUSING — TENDERS

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

I refer to the state government's Tenders WA website.

(1)   How many tenders for social housing have been advertised on the website in the past financial year, for the following cities —

(a)   Geraldton;

(b)   Albany;

(c)   Kalgoorlie; and

(d)   Bunbury.

(2)   How many tenders for social housing have been advertised on the website in the past financial year across the state?

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.

(1)–(2)   The Department of Communities delivers a large volume of works through Tenders WA such as new builds, maintenance, refurbishments and other works. Communities is unable to readily provide the requested breakdown in the time available as the information would require manual extraction across thousands of individual contracts.

To streamline procurement for social housing projects, Communities has established three statewide builders panels, which are listed on Tenders WA 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 the type of works being delivered.

The following three statewide builders panels are currently in place: statewide prefabricated panel, which appointed eight building companies to construct the first tranche of communities' modular build program; 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.