

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES — SOCIAL HOUSING

1091. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the Office of the Auditor General's report *Roll-out of state COVID-19 stimulus initiatives: July 2020–March 2021*, which found on page 7 —

As of 31 March 2021, only \$6.42 million (2%) of the \$319 million budget was spent.

That funding had been allocated to the Department of Communities' social housing initiatives. It is now a year on from that report's publication. As at 30 June 2022, how much of the \$319 million for social housing initiatives referred to in the OAG's report had been spent?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

As at 30 June 2022, a total of \$246.6 million from the social housing economic recovery package had been spent or committed. This included a range of public housing new builds, public housing refurbishments, public housing regional maintenance, community housing new builds grants, community housing refurbishment grants and remote Aboriginal communities maintenance grants. The \$319 million social housing economic recovery package is one of a number of investment programs the McGowan government is delivering to boost social housing as fast as possible. The SHERP program is currently budgeted to be completed by 30 June 2024.