

PUBLIC HOUSING — SPOT PURCHASES

1802. Hon Steve Martin to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the public housing spot purchase program, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister please provide the number of homes spot purchased per region, for the following financial years:
- (i) 2017–18;
 - (ii) 2018–19;
 - (iii) 2019–20;
 - (iv) 2020–21;
 - (v) 2021–22; and
 - (vi) 2022–23?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

- (a) (i)–(vi) The State Government is investing a record \$2.6 billion in social housing and homelessness measures in WA, including delivery of around 4,000 social dwellings, and refurbishments and maintenance work to many thousands more.

Since our record investment, the State Government has added more than 1,900 social homes with a further 1,000 social homes currently under contract or construction.

The Cook Government has inherited ageing and inappropriate housing stock that had not been maintained, refurbished and was in poor condition, due to the mismanagement of the previous Liberal–National Government.

Spot purchasing is just one method the State Government is using accelerate social housing delivery, including through initiatives such modular, pre-fabricated, and timber frame builds and the Calls for Submissions process.

The Department of Communities is constantly assessing properties that may be suitable for spot purchase. Spot purchasing is not always possible in regional Western Australia, such as the Goldfields and the Wheatbelt, where there is a lack of suitable housing due to age of stock, or maintenance requirements such as dwellings built with asbestos.

Social Housing Spot Purchase 2011–12 to 2023–24*

Financial Year	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24*	Total
North Metro	111	53	16	8	3	83	6	16	4	1	111	138	51	601
South Metro	32	20	26	30	4	80	23	13	6	9	55	84	39	421
East Metro	27	38	14	15	6	68	–	–	–	–	42	72	37	1022
Great Southern	15	7	5	7	6	34	–	1	–	–	22	11	5	113
Southwest	29	10	14	5	10	27	1	3	1	1	24	34	17	176
Goldfields	4	1	–	–	–	7	1	–	–	–	2	3	–	18
Midwest/Gascoyne	3	4	2	1	3	7	2	–	2	–	22	20	9	75
Pilbara	–	–	10	–	10	16	1	8	5	1	29	28	7	115
West Kimberley	5	–	2	–	15	10	1	3	1	–	8	6	1	52
Wheatbelt	4	6	8	3	4	6	1	4	1	2	4	12	2	57
East Kimberley	1	3	–	2	–	21	1	2	–	–	17	7	–	54
Total	231	142	97	71	61	359	37	50	20	14	336	415	168	2,001

* as at 30 November 2023