

GOVERNMENT REGIONAL OFFICERS' HOUSING — KIMBERLEY

1194. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

Can the minister please provide current figures for vacant Government Regional Officers' Housing in each major location in the Kimberley including —

- (a) the agency allocated to each property; and
- (b) the length of time each property has been vacant?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

- (a) Government Regional Officers' Housing properties are provided to client agencies, which determine the allocation of properties to their employees, not the Department of Communities. As at 30 September 2023, there were a total of 1 247 properties within the GROH portfolio in the Kimberley region, of which 122 are currently vacant and allocated to client agencies or awaiting occupation of new tenants. There are 26 currently unallocated vacant properties. Over an average 12-month period, up to one-third of all GROH tenancies may turn over due to normal rotation of staff in regional locations, agencies rotating staff on fixed-tenure arrangements and staff leave—for example, maternity leave for regional teachers or police.
- (b) The requested data would require a manual review of files, which is not considered to be a reasonable use of government resources, considering that houses may be held vacant for long periods for legitimate operational reasons as outlined above.