SOCIAL HOUSING — REGIONS

1288.   Hon Steve Martin to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the total number of Government social housing properties, and I ask:

(a)   to date, how many of the social housing properties in the following towns are occupied:

  (i)   Leonora;

  (ii)   Carnarvon;

  (iii)   Kununurra;

  (iv)   Port Hedland; and

  (v)   Laverton; and

(b)   for the towns in (a) to (e), how many social housing properties are vacant?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

(a)–(b) Vacancy numbers are always a single point in time number that fluctuates for a range of reasons including maintenance, refurbishments, and redevelopments waiting for relet. Returning properties may be awaiting acceptance of offers from applicants, undergoing minor maintenance repairs or refurbishment prior to new occupants moving in, or undergoing major refurbishment, or a redevelopment.

The time required to refurbish and relet a property can be impacted by the scope of works required, which may be significant. Where maintenance is undertaken to return a property to service, it is done so that they can be relet in clean, safe and working order.

Non-returning properties may be scheduled for demolition due to reaching the end of their useful life, may be in very poor condition or uneconomical to be returned to stock. Other properties may be subject to redevelopment or are undergoing review for potential future use.

Information for Community Housing vacancies is unavailable as these properties are managed by Community Housing Providers. Communities reports public housing data by Local Government Area (LGA).

As at 28 February 2023:

Local Government Area	Total Social Housing	Returning Public Housing	Not Returning Public Housing
Shire of Leonora	44	6	1
Shire of Carnarvon	346	31	8
Shire of Wyndham–East Kimberley	491	43	1
Town of Port Headland	655	40	11
Shire of Laverton	25	8	0