

COMMUNITY HOUSING

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

I refer to the media release on 7 August in which Minister Carey announced that community housing providers will be able to go straight to the Development Assessment Panel system.

- (1) How many applications from community housing providers have been declined by local governments in the last six months across the state?
- (2) What historical evidence can the minister provide that bypassing local governments will lead to an increase in the number of new builds of community housing?

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.

- (1)–(2) Boosting the supply of all forms of housing is a national priority, with planning ministers across all states and territories focused on streamlining the delivery of housing, including social and community housing. In the current post-COVID pandemic housing market, the loss of any individual dwellings or delayed projects is detrimental to overall housing supply. It is not only the refusal of projects but delays in obtaining planning approval that result in increased costs for proposed developments, putting them at risk.

The PRESIDENT: Before I give the call to the Leader of the Opposition, can I just ask that members clearly enunciate their questions for the benefit of Hansard—Hansard is recording what you say, not only what is on the paper—and for my benefit, because I am listening to ensure that your questions meet the requirements of standing orders.