

SOCIAL HOUSING

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

I refer to the federal government's announcement of the \$2 billion social housing accelerator and media reports that Western Australia will receive \$209 million from that scheme.

- (1) What conditions have been placed on the Western Australian government accessing and using those funds?
- (2) With these extra funds in the state government's social housing program, how many new homes will be built, in addition to the government's existing target of 3 300 new social housing dwellings, by July 2025?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

- (1) The Western Australian state government looks forward to working with the commonwealth to deliver the social housing accelerator fund. The fund will be used to enhance Western Australia's current social housing stock, including the delivery of new stock and refurbishments, and to extend the life of existing properties.
- (2) As the honourable member would be aware, the state government has a commitment to deliver 4 000 new social housing dwellings across the forward estimates. Planning for additional social housing delivery will commence shortly and may expand if the Liberal–National opposition and the Greens in the Senate support significant investment in social and affordable housing and pass the Housing Australia Future Fund Bill.