

DUST MANAGEMENT — BUYBACK SCHEME — PORT HEDLAND

972. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports:

I refer to the Port Hedland voluntary buyback scheme.

- (1) How many properties in Port Hedland have been deemed eligible for inclusion in the buyback scheme?
- (2) How many properties have expressed an interest in the buyback scheme?
- (3) As at 17 October 2022, how many properties have been acquired under the buyback scheme, and at what cost?
- (4) As the Port Hedland voluntary buyback scheme is industry funded, what time frame commitment applies to its operation, and what is the latest date that agreements to buy back can be entered into?

Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question and provide the following answer on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports.

- (1) Approximately 404 residential properties are eligible for the Port Hedland voluntary buyback scheme.
- (2) A total of 321 properties are engaged in the buyback process.
- (3) As at 17 October 2022, 169 eligible properties have been acquired at a cost of \$81 976 174.
- (4) The PHVBS is due to close on 31 December 2023. Offer and acceptance contracts will need to be signed by that date.