

HOUSING — *AGEING WITH CHOICE* 2019–2024 REPORT

1796. Hon Steve Martin to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to Priorities 1–7 in the Ageing with Choice 2019–2024 report, and I ask:

- (a) noting that the 2019–2024 period is nearly over, how has the Department of Communities implemented the following ‘actions’:
- (i) “pursue inclusive community engagement in the design and planning of diverse and affordable communities”;
 - (ii) “facilitate dialogue between consumers, industry and local government to better understand older people’s housing needs and preferences and unlock latent housing demand”;
 - (iii) “deliver and promote liveable design homes in developments close to public transport or high amenity locations”;
 - (iv) “engage with aged care providers to identify opportunities to integrate aged care within developments”;
 - (v) “trial the uptake of shared and other co-ownership models targeted to older people with limited income and assets in State Government developments”;
 - (vi) “develop and investigate innovative housing options for older women, including co-housing”;
 - (vii) “investigate targeted opportunities to incentivise the development and supply of affordable homes that are designed to enable ageing in place, including possible rebates for liveable design homes in Department of Communities’ developments to encourage older people to rightsize to more suitable homes”;
 - (viii) “trial the use of ancillary dwellings and moveable units for social housing eligible tenants to connect older people on very low incomes to family and support networks”;
 - (ix) “repurpose larger social houses to create smaller and more manageable homes for older, single person households”; and
 - (x) “redevelop the Affordable Housing Online Portal so older people and their families can find affordable housing options that can support ageing in place more easily”?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

- (a) (i)–(x) The Department of Communities (Communities) continues to pursue the initiatives and actions articulated in the Ageing with Choice: Future directions for seniors housing 2019–2024. This document provided the framework for collaborating with other state agencies, industry and the community services sector. A majority of these actions now form part of Communities’ core business and are ongoing activities, for example all new social homes are designed to Silver Liveable standards to facilitate ageing in place. Communities continues to work with the community housing sector, other state government agencies and housing partners to achieve a collaborative approach to supporting older people to age in place.