

SOCIAL HOUSING — NORTH BEACH SITE

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

I refer to today's media release titled "Demolition makes way for prime North Beach site revitalisation".

- (1) How many years has it taken for the government to finalise the plans to demolish the site?
- (2) On what date did the settlement with the last remaining private property owner occur?
- (3) How many social, affordable and private housing sites are expected to be developed on the site, and when is construction anticipated to commence?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

- (1)–(3) As has been previously noted, the McGowan government inherited an ageing social housing portfolio consisting of several dilapidated buildings that were unsafe, expensive to maintain and not fit for purpose due to the underspend on maintenance and refurbishments under the previous Liberal–National government. The North Beach site is an ageing and derelict former public housing site that is set for demolition to make way for a renewal project to deliver new housing and improve the quality, affordability, diversity and amenity of housing stock in the suburb. Settlement on the last remaining property occurred in May 2022. However, Communities is continuing to work with the remaining tenant and is assisting them during the relocation process.