

GOVERNMENT REGIONAL OFFICERS' HOUSING

1330. Hon Steve Martin to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) I refer to question 345 asked on 7 April 2022 regarding Government Regional Officer's Housing properties in Western Australia and I ask, what is the total number of Government Regional Officer Housing properties in Western Australia?
- (2) Of those in (1), how many are:
 - (a) currently tenanted; and
 - (b) unoccupied?
- (3) Of those in (2)(b), how many are currently undergoing repairs or maintenance?
- (4) For each property in (1) to (3), what is the breakdown by region?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

- (1)–(4) As at 31 March 2023, there were 5,118 properties in the Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) portfolio across the State of which 2.5 per cent (133) are currently vacant and not allocated to a client agency. These properties may be undergoing refurbishment or being considered for redevelopment potential based on factors such as age, location and land size.

Over an average 12-month period, up to one third of all GROH portfolio tenancies may turnover due to normal rotation of staff in regional locations, agencies rotating staff on fixed tenure arrangements and staff leave.

There are 541 allocated properties of which nearly two thirds are currently being processed for incoming new GROH tenants. The other properties may be vacant for a range of operational reasons such as agencies finalising recruitment processes to fill positions in the regions or management of staff leave, for example maternity leave for regional teachers or police.

Region	Occupied	Vacant			Total
		Allocated	Unallocated	Total	
South Metro	19	7	1	8	27
East Metro	2	-	-	-	2
Great Southern	230	38	4	42	272
Southwest	202	24	4	28	230
Goldfields	695	92	12	104	799
Midwest/Gascoyne	500	67	14	81	581
Pilbara	1228	113	44	157	1385
West Kimberley	730	76	15	91	821
Wheatbelt	488	71	20	91	579
East Kimberley	350	53	19	72	422
Total	4,444	541	133	674	5,118