

SOCIAL HOUSING — SOCIAL HOUSING ECONOMIC RECOVERY PACKAGE

1325. Hon Steve Martin to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) For the 2021–2022 financial year and 2022–2023 financial year to date, will the Minister please list separately how many new builds under Social Housing Economic Recovery Package were:
 - (a) commenced; and
 - (b) completed?
- (2) For those in (1), will the Minister please provide a breakdown of commenced and completed dwellings by bedroom number?
- (3) Will the Minister please provide an average cost for each of the configurations listed in (2)?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

- (1)–(3) Since 1 July 2021 the McGowan Government delivered over 1,200 homes with more than 1,000 currently under contract or construction.

The Social Housing Economic Recovery Package (SHERP) was a targeted, one-off, economic and social stimulus measure to aid the state’s recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The SHERP program is primarily focused on the refurbishment and maintenance of social housing, which was where most of the investment was targeted.

The Department of Communities has a range of programs aimed at the construction and acquisition of housing to boost overall stock in the social housing system. The SHERP was not substantially a new build program, however, has contributed to additional social housing stock.

The table below provides a breakdown of average costs to construct dwellings by bedroom configurations.

The eight-bedroom facility will provide a safe space for young people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and provide wrap around supports in line with the Housing First approach. This facility will provide semi-independent accommodation with each room having an ensuite, and some with self-contained kitchens.

The 12-bedroom facility will provide transitional accommodation services and intensive supports to women over 55 who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness. Each room is self-contained and has an ensuite.

Average cost to construct social housing dwellings by bedroom configurations (1 July 2021 to 28 February 2023)

Bedroom Configuration	Completed (1 July 2021 to 28 February 2023)	Under Contract or Construction (as at 28 February 2023)	Average cost per dwelling
	No. of Dwellings	No. of Dwellings	Average Cost (\$)
1 Bed	91	279	\$251,715
2 Bed	170	386	\$267,740
3 Bed	159	160	\$286,934
4 Bed	34	80	\$374,868
5 Bed	10	12	\$419,921
6 Bed	3	1	\$432,520
8 Bed	-	1	\$5,000,000
12 Bed	-	1	\$2,537,265
Grand Total	467	920	\$284,622