

SOCIAL HOUSING ECONOMIC RECOVERY PACKAGE

1794. Hon Steve Martin to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the Social Housing Economic Recovery Package (SHERP), and I ask:

- (a) how many social housing properties have been built or purchased (off the plan) as part of the \$97 million Workstream 1;
- (b) how many properties have been refurbished as part of the \$142 million Workstream 2;
- (c) how many regional social housing properties have had maintenance work as part of the \$80 million Workstream 3;
- (d) how many jobs have been supported through the SHERP's delivery;
- (e) how many in (d) have been regional jobs; and
- (f) did any of the \$319 million allocated for delivery of the SHERP go unspent, and if so, how much?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

The Social Housing Economic Recovery Package (SHERP) is just one part of the State Government's record \$2.6 billion investment in social housing and homelessness measures across WA.

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 was primarily a refurbishment and maintenance program.

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 State Government will continue to accelerate social housing delivery including through initiatives such as modular, pre-fabricated, and timber frame builds, expansion of the State wide builders panels, and spot purchasing.

Since this record investment, the State Government has delivered over 1,900 social housing dwellings with a further 1,000 under contract or construction.

(a)–(f) As at 30 November 2023, the \$319 million has been completely allocated.

As at 30 November 2023, 280 dwellings have been contracted for delivery, including 130 through Community Housing Grants.

As at 30 November 2023, 1,811 dwellings has been contracted for refurbishment. This includes 755 refurbishments being delivered through Community Housing Grants.

As at 30 November 2023, 4,001 dwellings have been contracted for maintenance. This includes 187 being delivered through Community Housing Grants to remote Aboriginal Communities.