

PLANNING COMMISSION — DIRECTORS-GENERAL

**1350. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the plan to remove directors general from the Western Australian Planning Commission as part of legislative changes.

- (1) Did the WAPC chair seek to have agency bosses removed from the WAPC; and, if not, who advised the minister on this measure?
- (2) Is the minister aware that agency bosses only attended an average of 2.5 meetings out of 22 in 2022–23?
- (3) Has the minister talked to cabinet peers about the lack of attendance by agency bosses?
- (4) Given that the minister now seeks to remove agency bosses as voting members from the WAPC, does this mean that the minister considers them as irrelevant to resolving the housing crisis in Western Australia?

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Planning.

- (1)–(4) A review of the Western Australian Planning Commission was first identified in the 2013 *Planning makes it happen: Phase two: Planning reform discussion paper* that reviewed the structure and membership of the WAPC and its committees, and the 2019 *Action plan for planning reform: Better planning, better places*. The review focused on specific areas identified through stakeholder consultation and analysis. The outcomes of the review were published in May 2023 and include a series of recommendations for structural change and operational improvements aimed at achieving a more efficient, strategically focused and contemporary decision-making body. Although the directors general will no longer be voting members, they may continue to attend WAPC meetings and provide advice on relevant matters and throughout referral and consultation processes.