

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION — REGIONS

455. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the minister representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to low residential rental vacancy rates across regional WA.

- (1) Excluding social housing projects, how many residential lots has DevelopmentWA delivered to market in 2022–23 in the following regions —
 - (a) the Gascoyne;
 - (b) Goldfields–Esperance;
 - (c) the great southern;
 - (d) Kimberley;
 - (e) the midwest;
 - (f) Peel;
 - (g) Pilbara;
 - (h) the south west; and
 - (i) the wheatbelt?
- (2) Excluding social housing projects, are there targets for the total residential lots DevelopmentWA is required or expected to deliver in each region?
- (3) If yes to (2), what are those targets?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response is provided on behalf of the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Lands.

- (1)–(3) DevelopmentWA does not develop rental properties and it does not operate in all markets, only those in which private developers do not operate or are not viable. In regions in which private developers operate such as the Peel and south west regions, DevelopmentWA does not broadly intervene in the market. Noting that the 2022–23 financial year has not yet finished, as at 10 May 2023, the following lots have been available or released this financial year: Gascoyne, 24; goldfields–Esperance, 61; great southern, 81; Kimberley, 78; midwest, 79; Peel, one; Pilbara, 454; south west, eight; and wheatbelt, 96.