

MEDIUM DENSITY HOUSING CODE — GAZETTAL

837. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the medium density housing code, which was indefinitely deferred last week after more than three years of consultation and development.

- (1) Will the minister please table a list of which builders, housing providers and industry groups were consulted on the deferral decision?
- (2) Will the minister please table the source and breakdown of the estimated \$100 000 per dwelling cost increase that he has quoted for new homes to meet the new code?
- (3) If the source in (2) was from an external party, how were the costs verified by the state government before a decision was made to defer and reduce the scope of the code?
- (4) How many homes will be delayed due to the deferral of the new code?

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 Housing.

- (1) Since the minister has taken on the planning portfolio, the minister has consulted with a number of key stakeholders collectively representing the interests of the residential building industry and land developers, including peak bodies such as the WA divisions of the Housing Industry Association, the Property Council of Australia and the Urban Development Institute of Australia.
- (2)–(3) The member is misrepresenting the context of what the minister said. The minister was quoting a statement made by the Property Council of Australia regarding estimated cost escalations.
- (4) The Western Australian Planning Commission will shortly provide advice on the next steps for the amendments to *State Planning Policy 7.3: Residential Design Codes Volume 1*, which includes a medium density code, including gazettal of the revisions.