

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES — JUST HOME MARGARET RIVER

**789. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to Just Home Margaret River, the only homelessness services provider in the Augusta–Margaret River region, and note that the Department of Communities’ commissioning process for homelessness services commences in July 2024.

- (1) Will the government provide the required bridging funding to this organisation so it can continue to deliver services up to July 2024?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If this organisation were to close, how would the government fill the service delivery gap?

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

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

- (1)–(3) The state government is investing \$225 million to support homelessness initiatives in this financial year alone, including funding more than 130 service agreements and grants to community sector organisations, to deliver critical homelessness services across WA. Just Home Margaret River has never been a contracted service for the Department of Communities. Just Home Margaret River is encouraged to continue direct engagement with the Office of Homelessness.