

Minister for Housing; Racing and Gaming

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Hon Ken Travers MLC Chairman Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations Icefoc@parliament.wa.gov.au

Attention: Mr Mark Warner, Committee Clerk

Dear Mr Travers

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING - 2016-17 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ESTIMATES HEARINGS

Thank you for your letter regarding questions prior to hearing for the Housing Authority.

Attached are responses to the questions.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter please contact Ms Andrea Martin, Ministerial Liaison Officer, at my ministerial office on 6552 6100 or at Andrea.Martin@dpc.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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MINISTER FOR HOUSING; RACING AND GAMING

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ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 2016/17 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS OUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

Housing Authority

(1) Hon Alanna Clohesy MLC asked:

1. For the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 what was budget and actual expenditure for new builds for domestic violence crisis and transitional accommodation?

Answer:

Of these three years, a total of \$10.4m has been allocated for new builds for domestic violence and transitional accommodation, and \$5.9m has been spent. Of the remaining funds, \$4.1 million will be spent on the construction of the Wooree Miya domestic violence refuge, due to be completed in 2016-17 and savings of \$0.4m made over the five projects. Some funding was rolled over to subsequent financial years.

In 2013-14 the budget was \$2,952,438 of which \$635,801 was expended. In 2014-15 the budget was \$4,665,699 of which \$2,029,276 was expended. In 2015-16 the budget (estimated actual) was \$7,771,225 and the actual spend as at 2 June 2016 is \$3,259,758.

2. Which suburbs / towns were these located?

Answer:

Ellenbrook, Ridgewood, Kenwick, Calista and Northam.

3. What was the value of each?

Answer:

Ellenbrook \$2,009,977 Ridgewood \$551,196 Kenwick \$5,920,479 Calista \$1,273,596 Northam \$764,721

4. Were, and if so when, these properties transferred to the Department of Child Protection or other agencies?

Answer:

None of these properties have been transferred to the Department for Child Protection and Family Support or other agencies.

5. How much is budgeted for in 2016-17 and the forward estimates for new builds and refurbishments for domestic violence crisis and transitional accommodation?

Answer:

\$4.04 million has been budgeted in 2016-17 for the completion of the Wooree Miya refuge.

The Housing Authority's Crisis Accommodation Program provides funding for domestic violence crisis and transitional accommodation. There is currently \$8.174 million allocated to the program in 2016-17, \$11.415 million in 2017-18, \$5.780 million in 2018-19 and \$11.284 million budget in 2019-20. No domestic violence facilities beyond the five mentioned above have yet been identified for funding within this period.

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(2) Hon Ken Travers MLC asked:

1. At what stage are the Department plans for the land they own between Joondalup Dve and McLarty Avenue in Joondalup?

Answer:

The Housing Authority has prepared a master plan for the site in consultation with the City of Joondalup and the Department of Training and Workforce Development, who own the land to the south, being lot 10001 McLarty Avenue.

The City of Joondalup is preparing the Joondalup activity centre structure plan for an area which includes this site. The Housing Authority is working with the City of Joondalup to ensure the activity centre structure plan adequately reflects the opportunities for lots 9000 and 999 McLarty Ave.

2. Can you please table any plans for this site?

Answer:

The outcome of the Joondalup activity centre structure plan will impact on the development of this site. It would be premature to table the master plan before the outcome of the City of Joondalup's Activity Centre Structure Plan process is understood.

3. When does the Department expect this land will either be developed or offered to the market?

Answer:

This is a significant vacant land parcel, capable of delivering a substantial, vibrant medium to high density residential neighbourhood to the city centre. Initial stages of development are expected to be offered to the market by 2018-19, subject to a suitable resolution of planning approvals.

4. Why has any construction or development on this land not progressed to date?

Answer:

As a significant vacant land holding in the Joondalup city centre, the Housing Authority is aware of the importance of this site to contribute to greater diversity, vibrancy and affordability in the Joondalup city centre, supported by high quality open spaces and mixed use development. Development of the site under the current local planning

framework would not support an optimal development outcome. As a result, Housing has worked closely with the City to establish an appropriate planning framework for the site.

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