

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Question Without Notice

Thursday, 21 September 2023

C1276. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing

My question without notice of which some notice has been given is to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing.

I refer to Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH), and I ask:

1. What is the number and location of GROH currently under construction?
2. What is the number and location of GROH currently under lease from the private market?
3. What is the total number of GROH currently allocated, listed by region and client agency?

Answer

I thank the Honourable Member for some notice of this question.

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In the 2023/24 State Budget, the State Government invested an additional \$61.6 million into the Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) program.

GROH is delivered based on client agency demand. If client agencies request housing in certain regions, the Department of Communities works with the client agency to allocate and deliver properties to suit the needs of those agencies.

Since 1 July 2020, more than 160 GROH homes have been added to the system. As at 31 July 2023, there were a further 25 GROH new builds under contract.

As at 31 July 2023, there were 4,886 GROH properties allocated to client agencies across the State. Of these, 2,455 were leased from the private market.

I table the following information which provides a breakdown of new builds under contract by region and leased properties by client agency.



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Table 1: GROH currently under contract or construction as at 31 July 2023

Region	Under contract/construction (as at 31 July 2023)
Goldfields	2
Midwest/Gascoyne	2
Pilbara	11
West Kimberley	5
Wheatbelt	4
East Kimberley	1

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Table 2: GROH leased and allocated as at 31 July 2023

Region	Leased	Allocated*
South Metro	6	24
Great Southern	116	263
Southwest	140	226
Goldfields	425	773
Midwest/Gascoyne	242	546
Pilbara	762	1324
West Kimberley	452	783
Wheatbelt	142	545
East Kimberley	170	402

* This may not include properties undergoing maintenance and refurbishments, allocation, or where there is no client demand.

Across the regions, the following services have been allocated GROH properties:

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, the Department of Communities, Department of Education, Department of Finance, Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Department of Justice, the Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries, the Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety, the Department of Planning, Lands, and Heritage, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Regional Development Commissions, Regional TAFEs, the Department of Transport, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, WA Police Force, Water Corporation, and WA Country Health Services.

