

HOMESWEST PROPERTIES - MARGARET RIVER

125. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works:

- (1) How many Homeswest properties are there in Margaret River?
- (2) What is the current mix of housing?
- (3) Does Homeswest own any other vacant land in Margaret River?
- (4) Is there any emergency housing in the town?
- (5) What is the current waiting list for Homeswest housing in Margaret River?
- (6) What are the future plans to cater for the growth in demand?

Hon KATE DOUST replied:

- (1) The number of Homeswest properties is 61. The number of community housing properties is 37. It is made up of 12 community housing program and 25 joint venture housing units. Please note that there are 15 Government Employees Housing Authority properties in Margaret River.
- (2) The current mix of Homeswest housing for seniors is one one-bedroom unit and two two-bedrooms units; for families, 11 two-bedroom units, 40 three-bedroom units and three four-bedroom units; and for singles, four one-bedroom units. The current mix of community housing for seniors is 19 one-bedroom units and two two-bedroom units; and for families, eight two-bedroom units, seven three-bedroom units and one four-bedroom unit.
- (3) No, other than that set aside for the stock replacement program in 2006-07 - see response to question (6).
- (4) Agencies for South West Accommodation have two three-bedroom units for emergency housing.
- (5) The current waiting list is 46. This comprises singles, 21 one-bedroom units; seniors, three one-bedroom units; and families, 16 two-bedroom units and six three-bedroom units.
- (6) Three projects in 2006-07 through stock replacement will yield 11 units from three old houses, a mix of one and two bedrooms to cater for the greatest demand categories of singles and small families. In addition, the department through the region and through its Landstart branch is actively seeking single lots as well as broad hectare holdings to purchase for future programs. There are no applications from any community housing organisations presently lodged.