

NGURRAWAANA COMMUNITY, TEACHERS' ACCOMMODATION

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

- (1) Is the minister aware of the appalling and inadequate accommodation available to the teaching staff at the Ngurrawaana community, which is about 100 kilometres from Karratha?
- (2) What does the government propose to do to address this urgent need?
- (3) When will this occur?

Hon KATE DOUST replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. I am advised -

- (1) Yes. A temporary transportable home has been provided to the Ngurrawaana community by the Department of Education and Training. This type of accommodation is utilised in remote communities when there is uncertainty about the permanency of the school due to a low number of school-age children. It is accepted that it is unsatisfactory accommodation in the long term.
- (2) DET has requested a three-bedroom house for the Ngurrawaana community to replace this accommodation.
- (3) The Government Employees Housing Authority plans to construct a new house in the community in 2006-07, subject to the finalisation of next year's funding submission.