

HOMESWEST PROPERTIES - MARGARET RIVER

**715. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the minister representing the Minister for Housing and Works.**

I refer to question without notice 125 asked on 5 April 2006.

- (1) How many Homeswest properties are there currently in Margaret River?
- (2) How many people are on the waiting list for a Homeswest property in Margaret River?
- (3) What progress has been made to the three projects referred to in part (6) of that answer?
- (4) What progress has been made by Landstart or Homeswest to purchase lots for future Homeswest programs?
- (5) How many lots have been purchased in the Margaret River area?
- (6) What are the future plans for these lots?

**Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) There are 98 social housing properties in Margaret River made up of 61 public housing properties and 37 community housing properties. This is an increase of 14 social housing properties in Margaret River since 1 July 2007. Since 1 July 2001, four properties were also built in Cowaramup. Notably, in 2006, a unique housing partnership between the state government and the Silver Chain Nursing Association delivered eight two-bedroom seniors' units in Margaret River, at the Silver Vines aged care complex. In the 2007-08 state budget, the government announced that it would invest \$417 million over four years in social housing and deliver at least 1 000 extra social housing dwellings over that period. A further eight social housing properties, delivering five additional and three improved or replacement stock, are planned to commence in Margaret River during 2007-08.
- (2) Fifty-one.
- (3) The first two projects have been submitted to the Augusta-Margaret River shire council for rezoning approval, with an anticipated yield of eight units. The department is seeking a provisional rezoning in relation to the second project, which is currently with the council, and will seek a rezoning in relation to the third.
- (4) The department continues to seek to purchase single and broadacre lots in Margaret River and surrounding areas.
- (5)-(6) In 2006-07, an established property was purchased.