

HOPE VALLEY AND WATTLEUP, COMPENSATION TO PROPERTY OWNERS

372. Hon C L Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to *The West Australian* dated 28 March 2001 and 4 April 2001, in respect to Hope Valley and Wattleup, and ask -

- (a) who made the decision on the compensation figure of \$9,000 - \$10,000 to be paid to residents on purchase of their properties over and above the market value;
- (b) what are the criteria for this compensation;
- (c) who will determine the compensation applications;
- (d) from which fund or CRF account will the compensation money be paid;
- (e) from what date is the compensation payable;
- (f) what is the expected cost of the compensation, and over what period of time;
- (g) how many homes have been purchased, and what is the cost; and
- (h) how many residents have received the compensatory figure, and what is the cost?

Ms MacTIERNAN replied:

- (a) Cabinet determined a Relocation Grant would be payable of:-  
\$9,000 for purchases settled in the 2000-01 financial year  
\$9,500 for purchases settled in the 2001-02 financial year; and  
\$10,000 for purchases settled in subsequent financial years.
- (b) The properties being purchased must be residential and be located within the townsites of Wattleup or Hope Valley.
- (c) LandCorp, as the implementation agency, will be processing the requests in line with the Cabinet Decision.
- (d) Relocation Grants will be paid from Community Service Obligation Grants made to LandCorp as part of the funding to meet the Authority's obligations under the Hope Valley Wattleup Redevelopment Act 2000.
- (e) Contracts for the Sale and Purchase of land entered into after the Cabinet Decision relating to the Relocation Grants of 26 March 2001.
- (f) The cost will relate to the timing of acquisitions which will be determined by individual owner preferences and the available funding. The current estimates are for a total Relocation Grant cost in the order of \$2.6 million over the 4 years to 2003/04.
- (g) 203 homes in the two townsites have been purchased by the Western Australian Planning Commission and LandCorp at a total cost of \$25,559,450 (as at 7 September 2001).
- (h) Relocation Grants have been paid to 54 vendors, totalling \$529,500 (as at 7 September 2001).