

PAYROLL TAX, RESIDENTIAL HOUSING SECTOR

**620. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister for Housing and Works:**

- (1) Has the minister made any attempt to quantify the negative effects on the residential housing sector of the new budget provisions that will widen the net of payroll tax collection to subcontractors?
- (2) Is the minister concerned that the proposed changes to include subcontractors with builders' exposure to payroll tax will significantly increase the cost of housing in Western Australia; and, if not, why not?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

- (1)-(2) I will seek the advice of the Office of Housing Policy, which regularly makes advice available to me through industry representatives. I have not received that advice as yet. I am not expecting -

Hon Barry House: Has it occurred to you that it might have an impact?

Hon TOM STEPHENS: I will seek the advice of industry. It will have the opportunity to provide that advice to me, and I will relay it to the member.