

METRONET — HOUSING PACKAGE

312. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to a statement dated 18 February 2022 on the Metronet website titled “Housing Diversity Pipeline to boost social housing and support jobs”.

- (1) Since the statement was made 12 months ago, what progress has been made to turn some 8 000 hectares of land around new stations into desirable places for people to live, work and play in?
- (2) What results does the minister expect to see before the end of this parliamentary term?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) Expression of interests that closed in October 2022 were sought for eight metropolitan and one regional site, three of which are within walking distance of Metronet stations projects. The EOI received a strong response from industry. Offers have been evaluated and proposals are now being short-listed. The *Metronet station precincts gateway* document was released to guide future planning and development of land around Metronet stations as desirable and liveable places. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage has commenced the preparation of enabling planning frameworks around Whiteman Park, Malaga, Morley and Karnup stations, and the future Bennett Springs East station. The frameworks include precinct structure plans and planning scheme amendments. DevelopmentWA is progressing precinct planning and design within the Metronet east redevelopment area, which includes Midland, Bayswater and High Wycombe station precincts.

The Metronet program is delivering significant public realm improvements in the areas surrounding new stations, including transforming approximately six hectares of land currently occupied by rail lines into parkland for the enjoyment of existing and future residents in Victoria Park and Carlisle. Investment in precinct-enabling infrastructure and community facilities will stimulate development and enhance community amenity in Metronet precincts.