

HOMESWEST, PROPERTIES AVAILABLE FOR SALE

2713. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing and Works

I refer the Minister to the answer to question on notice No. 2370 and ask -

- (a) why has there been a decline in the number of Homeswest properties available to be sold to tenants since the end of 2001;
- (b) does the Minister concede that this is the only opportunity that many of these tenants will have of buying their own home;
- (c) does the Minister acknowledge that this program has been very successful in the past and has been a benefit to both the tenant and Homeswest;
- (d) will the Minister now review the number of Homeswest properties that are offered to tenants for purchase; and
- (e) if not, why not?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (a) There has been no decline in the number of Homeswest properties available to be sold to tenants since 2001. Rental sales for 2003/2004 are on budget with 57 to date to meet a forecast total of 85. The number of units sold is dependant on the number of applications received.
 - (b) Yes.
 - (c) Yes.
 - (d) See (a).
 - (e) Not applicable
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