

HOME BUYERS ASSISTANCE FUND, MAXIMUM PURCHASE PRICE

**219. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister for Housing:**

- (1) Does the minister agree that the maximum purchase price of \$85 000 for qualification for the home buyers assistance fund in metropolitan and country locations is unrealistic?
- (2) Does the minister support an increase in the maximum purchase price criteria for the home buyers assistance fund?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

- (1)-(2) The issue the member raised is one of a number of issues I am currently considering. The member has highlighted one of the problems in a number of those assistance packages. The packages do not provide an adequate spread of state and other assistance for home buyers in areas where housing is at a premium and housing costs are high. I want the Ministry of Housing to assist me in the preparation of some policy initiatives that would provide a better spread of financial assistance for people under a variety of schemes, including that which the member mentioned.