

HOMESWEST UNITS, STRATA TITLES

1594. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing and Works; Local Government and Regional Development; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

Since 19 February 2001 -

- (a) how many Homeswest units have been strata titled;
- (b) of these, how many are available for purchase by tenants;
- (c) how many Homeswest units will be strata titled in the coming 12 months;
- (d) of these, how many will be available for purchase by tenants;
- (e) has the Homeswest policy, relating to purchase of property by tenants, changed;
- (f) if yes to (e), what are these changes; and
- (g) how will the restructure of the titles office and the strata titles office, within Homeswest, effect the redevelopment of areas such as Girrawheen, Koondoola and Balga?

Ms MacTIERNAN replied:

- (a) 260 through the New Living program, and 432 through the Homeswest construction program.
- (b) Properties strata titled through the New Living program are available for purchase to tenants and prospective home owners from the private sector (who are generally first home owners). It should be noted that only properties "earmarked" for sale can be purchased.

Properties strata titled through the Homeswest construction program and over seven years old are available to eligible tenants for purchase.

Most tenants show a clear preference for purchasing single residential property. For this reason, future units built through the Homeswest construction program will not be strata titled.
- (c) The 2002/2003 budget is yet to be determined.
- (d) N/A
- (e) Yes
- (f) The Right To Buy scheme in operation at 19 February 2001 ceased on 30 June 2001. It has been replaced by the Rental Sales Scheme which offers up to \$3000 in purchase fees assistance.
- (g) This part of the question is unclear. If the Member will clarify whether the question relates to a restructure with the Department of Land Administration, or administrative changes within the Department of Housing and Works, I will be better able to assist her with a response.