

HOUSING — AFFORDABILITY

**322. MR N.W. MORTON to the Minister for Housing:**

Can the Minister for Housing please outline what he is doing to address issues associated with affordable housing around Western Australia?

**Mr W.J. Johnston** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Cannington, are you finished? Carry on, member for Forrestfield.

**Mr N.W. MORTON:** I had finished, but I can ask the question again if you like.

**Mr W.R. MARMION replied:**

I thank the member for Forrestfield for the question.

As I have mentioned in this house before, this government has a strategy to address the affordable housing problem that has been generated by the influx of many people into Western Australia. We have developed a strategy called the affordable housing strategy, which plans to deliver 20 000 new, affordable houses by 2020. We have already delivered 7 600 of those, so we are already past the one-third mark in delivering those houses. The member for Cockburn likes to play with the figures. In terms of social housing, these are the figures for social houses delivered. I will mention the figure from 2001 to 2008—the eight years that the opposition was in government. It delivered —

**Mr F.M. Logan** interjected.

**Mr W.R. MARMION:** In fact, this is from 2001 to 2008. The Labor government delivered 6 867 houses. In just four years, from 2008 to 2012, we have delivered 6 314—sorry, 5 314 —

Several members interjected.

**Mr W.R. MARMION:** That is nearly the same number in four —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the second time.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Warnbro, I call you to order for the third time.

**Mr W.R. MARMION:** As I said, in four years, we have delivered nearly the same number as the opposition delivered in eight years. The issue here is that we want houses on the ground. We have already got 6 700 out of our 20 000 on the ground and, of those, there are 5 314 social houses.

**Mr P.C. Tinley** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Willagee, I call you to order for the first time. Minister, just wind this up, please, as quickly as you can.

**Mr W.R. MARMION:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Apart from actually building and delivering social houses on the ground, we are also assisting people out of social houses into affordable houses through our Keystart loans and shared equity loans. We are also assisting private builders in joint ventures to deliver affordable houses on the ground. A good example is the houses in the member for Cockburn's electorate. We are on the front foot; we have a strategy. The Labor opposition had no strategy at all—none at all; no strategy. Show me your —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mandurah! Minister, you are upsetting the member for Maylands. Will you wind this up, please.

**Mr W.R. MARMION:** I will conclude with a very simple statement: we have a strategy; you did not have a strategy.