

SOCIAL HOUSING — KIMBERLEY

87. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Housing:

I have a supplementary question. Can I confirm from that response that the only thing that has happened right now is that 15 vacant homes from Government Regional Officers' Housing have been confirmed? Despite the fact that the minister has sent out 33 media statements and extolled his social housing pipedream more than 118 times in this place, there is no solution to the housing crisis in the Kimberley.

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: There was a question at the beginning of that.

Mr J.N. CAREY replied:

I just find that entirely bizarre. What is very clear is that our government is focused on practical solutions to deliver social housing across Western Australia. Given the very tight and heated construction market, we are focused on boosting housing supply overall and land supply. I just listed there nearly 40 new social homes currently under construction or contracted for delivery in the Kimberley, but you just ignored that—you totally ignored that!

Ms M.J. Davies interjected.

Mr J.N. CAREY: I remember this member's record when it comes to housing and Government Regional Officers' Housing. Under her watch, she flogged off housing in her precious wheatbelt. That is her record as a minister, so I will not be a lectured by a weak Leader of the Opposition whose cabinet, under her own record, flogged off GROH homes. I am doing everything I can as the minister through pivoting the organisation, spot purchasing modular homes and timber homes, and converting affordable product into social housing. We are doing everything we can and we have a pipeline of work for which \$522 million has been set aside. It is very clear that we have a plan, that we are implementing that plan and that despite the challenges we face in the market, we are getting on with the job of delivering social housing in Western Australia.