



QUESTIONS BOOKLET

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2023

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1309. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Local Government

1310. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

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1312. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to question on notice 1086, and I ask:

- (a) what are the current preference housing zones;
- (b) could the Minister please provide a table with the current preference housing zones showing the list date of the next applicant in line to be offered a home from the department, by preferred living area and property type and broken down by region:
 - (i) if no to (b), why not;
- (c) what are the average wait times for the current preference housing zones;
- (d) how many applications for housing have been waiting longer than the average wait times;
- (e) how many individuals do the applications in (d) represent;
- (f) how many individual children are included in the applications in (d);
- (g) how many individual Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are included in the applications in (d);
- (h) how many individual Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children are included in the applications in (d); and
- (i) what is the longest time a current applicant has been waiting for housing?

1313. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to question on notice 1050, and thank the Minister for the answers provided, and I ask:

- (a) does the answer to 1(b) state the number of tenancies with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander tenant or household member that was evicted by the bailiff (ie: not including tenancies terminated by termination notice or court order);
- (b) how many public housing tenancies with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander tenant or household member were terminated by termination notice, or by Court order, or by bailiff eviction in the following years (please provide the figures separately for termination notice, court order and bailiff eviction):
 - (i) 2018-19;
 - (ii) 2019-20;
 - (iii) 2020-21; and
 - (iv) 2021-22;

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- (c) does the answer to question on notice 1050 (1)(c-d) state the number of tenancies with children evicted by the bailiff and not include tenancies terminated by termination notice or court order; and
- (d) how many public housing tenancies were terminated by termination notice, court order or bailiff eviction where there were children on Housing Authority records as household members, in the following years (please provide the figures separately for termination notice, court order and bailiff eviction):
 - (i) 2016-17;
 - (ii) 2017-18;
 - (iii) 2018-19;
 - (iv) 2019-20;
 - (v) 2020-21; and
 - (vi) 2021-22:
 - (A) what is the total number of children listed as household members in terminated public housing tenancies for each of those years;
 - (B) for each of those years, how many of these children were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) children, according to Housing Authority records; and
 - (C) how many of these children (ATSI and non-ATSI) vacating public housing had "Intensive Family Support" files open at the Department of Communities when their public housing was terminated by the Department of Communities?

1314. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to question on notice 1070, parts (c-d), and I ask:

- (a) how many public housing fixed-term tenancies were terminated where the tenant vacated and the Department of Housing regained possession of the premises for each of the following years:
 - (i) 2017-18;
 - (ii) 2018-19;
 - (iii) 2019-20;
 - (iv) 2020-21; and
 - (v) 2021-22:
 - (A) for each of those years, how many of those fixed-term tenancies that were terminated had an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) household member, according to the Housing Authority records;

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- (B) for each of those years, how many of the fixed-term tenancies that were terminated had children as householders and how many individual children does that represent; and
- (C) for each of those years, how many of the fixed-term tenancies that were terminated which had children as householders had an ATSI householder member, according to the Housing Authority records?

1315. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to question on notice 1051 where the Minister provided a table with information on the number of public housing tenancies where market rent was charged, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please clarify, does the table state the number of tenancies where market rent was charged during the year prior to the date in the first column, or does the table state the number of tenancies where market rent was charged as at the date in the first column;
- (b) if the table above shows only those tenancies where market rent was charged as at 30 June for each year, how many tenancies had market rent applied at any point in the following years:
 - (i) 2017-18;
 - (ii) 2018-19;
 - (iii) 2019-20;
 - (iv) 2020-21; and
 - (v) 2021-22;
- (c) for each of the years listed in (b), will the Minister please provide the number of tenancies where market rent was charged because the tenants have not disclosed or updated their income details; and
- (d) how many of the tenancies in (b) and (c) respectively had an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander tenant or household member?

1316. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) I refer to the public housing waitlist and I ask, for the following months, how many applications on the public housing waitlist included a child or children under the age of 18:
 - (a) November 2021;
 - (b) December 2021;
 - (c) January 2022;
 - (d) February 2022;
 - (e) March 2022;

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- (f) April 2022;
 - (g) May 2022;
 - (h) June 2022;
 - (i) July 2022;
 - (j) August 2022;
 - (k) September 2022;
 - (l) October 2022;
 - (m) November 2022;
 - (n) December 2022;
 - (o) January 2023; and
 - (p) February 2023?
- (2) For the months in (1), how many individuals under the age of 18 were on the public housing waitlist?
- 1317. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police:**
- (1) How many people submitted an application for employment as an entry-level police officer from July 1 2022 to date?
 - (2) For the same time period, how many people have successfully completed the selection process and have been placed in the selection pool, but have not yet commenced training at the WA Police Academy?
 - (3) For those in (2), will the Minister please provide a breakdown of the number of applicants who have been awaiting training commencement at the WA Police Academy according to the following:
 - (a) 1 month;
 - (b) 1-2 months;
 - (c) 2-3 months;
 - (d) 3-4 months;
 - (e) 4-5 months;
 - (f) 5-6 months; and
 - (g) 6 months?
 - (4) What is the longest period someone has been awaiting commencement of training at the WA Police Academy from 1 July 2022 to date?
 - (5) How many people have completed training at the WA Police Academy from 1 July 2022 to date?

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- (6) Of those in (5), how many are currently employed as a Probationary Constable within the WA Police Force?

1318. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry:

- (1) From 8 September 2021 to date, how many hectares of land have been purchased or leased to be used for pine plantations?
- (2) From 8 September 2021 to date, how many pine seedlings have been purchased:
- (a) how many of those in (2), have been planted;
 - (b) how many of those in (2), have been disposed of; and
 - (c) what is the cost per seedling purchased?

1319. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) I refer to question 133 asked on 22 February regarding public housing stock and I ask, of the total number of social houses owned by the Government, how many are in each of the Western Australian regions?
- (2) For (1), what is the total breakdown of occupied and non-occupied stock for each region?
- (3) For the non-occupied stock in (2), what is the breakdown of returning and non-returning public housing stock for each region?

1320. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

Will the Minister please provide a breakdown of the number of applications on both the general and the priority housing waitlist for each of the Western Australian Regions?

1321. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) How many total applications were on the public housing waitlist from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
- (2) How many of those in (1) were housed in the same time period?
- (3) How many public housing waitlist applications have there been in total since 1 July 2022?
- (4) How many of those in (3) have been housed in the same time period?

1322. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

How many people have spent the following lengths of time on the current public housing waitlist since 1 July 2022:

- (a) ≤ 1 year;
- (b) ≤ 1.5 years;
- (c) ≤ 2 years;

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- (d) ≤ 2.5 years;
- (e) ≤ 3 years;
- (f) ≤ 4 years;
- (g) ≤ 5 years; and
- (h) ≥ 5 years?

1323. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the Federal Government requirement that all sheep and goats will be required to be electronically tagged as of 1 January 2025, and I ask:

- (a) what is the time frame for the rollout of identification tags in Western Australia; and
- (b) will the State Government be providing any funding to farmers to enable the smooth implementation of the policy?

1324. Hon Steve Martin to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) In 2021 and 2022, how many landholders were approached to sell cleared land to Main Roads?
- (2) Of those in (1), how many landholders took up the offer?
- (3) In total, how much land has been purchased by Main Roads to be used for offsets?

1325. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) For the 2021-2022 financial year and 2022-2023 financial year to date, will the Minister please list separately how many new builds under Social Housing Economic Recovery Package were:
 - (a) commenced; and; and
 - (b) completed?
- (2) For those in (1), will the Minister please provide a breakdown of commenced and completed dwellings by bedroom number?
- (3) Will the Minister please provide an average cost for each of the configurations listed in (2)?

1326. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry:

- (1) What are the current pine log prices for share farm contracts?
- (2) When was the last time these prices were updated?

1327. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) For the following towns, how many public housing properties were there:
 - (a) Perth;
 - (b) Albany;

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- (c) Broome;
 - (d) Bunbury;
 - (e) Busselton;
 - (f) Esperance;
 - (g) Geraldton;
 - (h) Kalgoorlie;
 - (i) Karratha; and
 - (j) Port Hedland?
- (2) For those towns listed in (1), how many public housing properties were there at the following dates:
- (a) 30 June 2016;
 - (b) 30 June 2017;
 - (c) 30 June 2018;
 - (d) 30 June 2019;
 - (e) 30 June 2020;
 - (f) 30 June 2021;
 - (g) 30 June 2022; and
 - (h) 28 February 2023?

1328. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) For each month of the following years, how many applications on the public housing waitlist included one or more individuals receiving the disability support payment:
- (a) 2021;
 - (b) 2022; and
 - (c) 2023 (to date)?
- (2) For those in (1), how many individuals does this represent?

1329. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) For each month of the following years, how many applications on the priority public housing waitlist included one or more individuals receiving the disability support payment:
- (a) 2021;
 - (b) 2022; and
 - (c) 2023 (to date)?
- (2) For those in (1), how many individuals does this represent?

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- (1) I refer to question 345 asked on 7 April 2022 regarding Government Regional Officer's Housing properties in Western Australia and I ask, what is the total number of Government Regional Officer Housing properties in Western Australia?
- (2) Of those in (1), how many are:
 - (a) currently tenanted; and
 - (b) unoccupied?
- (3) Of those in (2)(b), how many are currently undergoing repairs or maintenance?
- (4) For each property in (1) to (3), what is the breakdown by region?

1331. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to staffing of the METRONET project, and I ask:

- (a) how many FTE are employed in marketing and communications, and what are their pay levels;
- (b) how many FTE are employed in Stakeholder and Community Engagement, and what are their pay levels;
- (c) what is the name of each contractor and value of their contract;
- (d) how many contracts have been awarded for Stakeholder and Community Engagement; and
- (e) what is the name of each contractor and the value of their contract?

1332. Hon Steve Martin to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to cardiothoracic surgery undertaken at Fiona Stanley Hospital, and I ask:

- (a) does the cardiothoracic unit have a full complement of surgeons and, if not, how many surgeons is it short;
- (b) how many patients were on the waitlist and what was the average wait time to see a cardiothoracic surgeon at 11 March 2017 and 11 March 2023;
- (c) what was the average wait time for surgery once a cardiothoracic surgeon had been seen at 11 March 2017 and 11 March 2023; and
- (d) how many patients have been removed from the waitlist due to death occurring before surgery could be performed over the past three years?

1333. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the position of superintendent for each Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) region, and I ask:

- (a) is there a tenure policy that applies to the position;
- (b) if yes to (a), please table the policy;

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- (c) what is the maximum term that a person can hold the position of superintendent of a DFES region;
- (d) for each DFES region please identify the current length of time that each person has held the position of the regional superintendent;
- (e) when an officer reaches the maximum tenure as a regional superintendent, how is that officer redeployed with DFES; and
- (f) how many staff currently hold the rank of superintendent?

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