

BELVEDERE AND AQUA CARAVAN PARKS — RESIDENT SUPPORT

5138. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Housing

I refer to the Minister's response dated 8 March 2011 to my correspondence regarding the closure of the Belvedere and Aqua Caravan Park in my electorate of Mandurah and the Interagency Working Group reconvened by the Department of Housing, and ask:

- (a) how many times has the Interagency Working Group met since it was reconvened;
- (b) what supports have been offered to residents of both caravan parks and how many have received direct assistance from the Department of Housing and the Interagency Group; and
- (c) can the Minister detail how many residents from Aqua Caravan Park and Belvedere Caravan Park have been offered accommodation from the Department of Housing and how many have been housed to date by the department?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Department of Housing advises:

- (a) Three
- (b) More than 40 residents at the Aqua Caravan Park have been assisted by the Department of Housing and the Peel Development Commission through:
  - Private rental bond loan assistance;
  - Social housing (where eligible);
  - Assistance in applying to a non-government organisation for furniture removal costs; and information on other caravan parks that may have sites available.
  - Belvedere Caravan Park residents concerned about redevelopment in the next two-three years were encouraged to apply for social housing assistance.
- (c) From the Aqua Caravan Park:
  - Fourteen residents have been housed by the Department of Housing or Community Housing Organisations since the closure was announced in December 2010;
  - Three residents have been given private rental bond loan assistance; and
  - Three current residents await priority access to Department of Housing or Community Housing Organisation properties.