

BUILDING COMMISSION — REMEDY ORDERS

47. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Premier:

I refer to the removal of the Building Commissioner, Kristin Berger, as the disaster over defective plumbing continues to affect thousands of WA families and home owners.

- (1) Can the Premier confirm that no remedy orders have been issued by the Building Commission, as is standard practice, to give some comfort to those families?
- (2) Is it appropriate that Building Commissioner Kristin Berger has been approached to lead urgent policy initiatives for the Premier's government?
- (3) What measures will the government take to help those affected families?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

- (1)–(3) We work with families all the time in relation to any building defects or problems they might experience as a result of building activity. A good example is the work we are doing around those families who have experienced burst pipes in their homes. We continue to make sure that we work with them through Building and Energy to ensure that they have the supports they need to get the recourse that they need.

Kristin Berger is a highly credentialed public servant and Ms Berger has been approached to lead some urgent economic development priorities for the state government. In particular, she will be assisting to deliver our economic diversification strategy. The diversification strategy involves looking at a role for Kristin to provide her high-level skills in areas such as supporting the delivery of the investment attraction fund, supporting priority state agreement projects and improving interface between Ports and Planning. We know that we are facing a range of challenges right across our residential construction market, such as supply chain and workforce constraints. Of course, a lot of companies were overcommitted in the period after the COVID-19 pandemic. We are working through these issues and obviously need to make sure that when things have not been done right, customers have the remedies they need to get justice.