

KIMBERLEY FLOODS — GOVERNMENT HOUSING STOCK — DAMAGE

294. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to my previous question, C046 regarding the assessment of government housing stock in flood-impacted communities in the Kimberley.

- (1) How many building commission assessments have been completed and how many are yet to be completed?
- (2) How many dwellings have been assessed as requiring repairs and how many of these repairs have been completed?
- (3) Following the review of the BCAs, how many dwellings must be rebuilt, and when will these rebuilds be completed?
- (4) Will repairs, refurbishments and rebuilds include the installation of air-conditioning units?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Housing.

- (1)–(4) Of the 1 009 Department of Communities-owned or managed homes in the flood-affected areas, 95 dwellings were identified as requiring further assessment and have had detailed building condition assessments completed. Of the 95 BCAs completed, 91 were identified as damaged to the extent that a works program is required. Included in the 91 dwellings are 29 dwellings requiring minor repairs, 50 dwellings requiring refurbishments and 12 dwellings needing to be rebuilt. Currently, 11 dwellings have works underway. Procurement for the remainder of the properties requiring minor repairs is also underway, with works expected to commence shortly. Final decisions as to whether some damaged homes will be either rebuilt or refurbished will be influenced by flood mapping and the subsequent recommended finished floor level.

Communities builds social housing properties to a Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme 7-star rating, which exceeds the minimum standards, with consideration for making homes thermally comfortable and sustainable in terms of costs for tenants to maintain. Design features are considered in all new construction in the north west to accommodate the climate in that region. Ceiling fans and ceiling and wall insulation have been included in all new construction in the north west since 1990.