

GOVERNMENT REGIONAL OFFICERS' HOUSING — BROOME

**1130. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing:**

Can the minister please provide updated figures for the current Government Regional Officers' Housing stock in Broome and the number of allocated and unallocated vacant GROH properties in Broome broken down by vacancy periods of three to six months, six to 12 months and 12-plus months?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

Government Regional Officers' Housing, or GROH, properties are provided to client agencies, which then determine the allocation of properties to their employees, not the Department of Communities. As at 31 October 2022, there were 413 GROH properties in Broome. Of these properties, 30 were vacant and allocated to client agencies, and two were unallocated. These two properties have since been allocated to a client agency. All vacant GROH properties in Broome have been vacant for less than three months. It is not uncommon that client agencies may have allocated vacant properties to enable them to recruit and deploy suitable employees, including health staff, teachers and police.