

RESIDENTIAL RENT RELIEF GRANT SCHEME

1565. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to the recently announced Western Australian rent relief program.

- (1) To date, how many expressions of interest have been received by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety?
- (2) How many grants does the government expect to issue through the initiative?
- (3) Has a precise date for the commencement of the initiative been determined?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I have just had the death of my file. I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety is not receiving expressions of interest for the rent relief program. The community service organisations responsible for delivering the program have reported that the number of expressions of interest received is currently 838.
- (2) It is anticipated that at least 4 000 households will be supported by rent relief payments through this initiative.
- (3) The program is expected to commence in mid-December 2023.