

PROPERTY TAX — OVERSEAS INVESTMENT

678. Hon CHARLES SMITH to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

Available statistics reveal that overseas investors bought more than 10 per cent of all new housing in Australia in the first quarter of 2017.

- (1) Can the minister advise the house how many properties were purchased by foreign buyers in WA?
- (2) When is the Labor government going to start delivering its campaign promise of a four per cent foreign buyer tax?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) The Department of Communities does not collect this data for the properties it sells.
- (2) Any questions regarding the foreign buyer tax should be directed to the Treasurer; Minister for Finance.