

PUBLIC HOUSING — DONGARA AND PORT DENISON

667. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Housing:

I refer to constituent reports that Housing Authority properties in Dongara and Port Denison have been boarded up and left vacant, and I ask:

- (a) How many public housing properties are there in Dongara and Port Denison;
- (b) How many are currently vacant, and what is the reason for the vacancy; and
- (c) Will these properties be repaired and released for rental in the near future?

Mr J.N. Carey replied:

As at 31 January 2023:

- (a) The Department of Communities owns or manages 50 properties within the Dongara and Port Denison Zone
- (b)–(c) As part of the maintenance process, properties may have boards put up to protect the property from damage while work is being completed or during assessment of the long-term suitability of the property for reletting.

There are seven vacant properties in the Dongara and Port Denison Zone. Four properties are currently undergoing refurbishment prior to being re-let to another tenant.

The remaining properties include those that have reached their end of life or may have been damaged beyond repair and are under review for demolition and potential redevelopment.