

GOVERNMENT REGIONAL OFFICERS' HOUSING — BROOME

1233. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to my previous question without notice 1130 regarding Government Regional Officers' Housing properties in Broome.

- (1) Of the 413 GROH properties, how many are owned by the Housing Authority, as opposed to leased or under some other arrangement?
- (2) Is there a waitlist for eligible public servants to be placed in a GROH property in Broome?
- (3) If yes to (2), what is the average wait time?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

If I can assist the member as the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, I remind him that the arrangements that big agencies like the Department of Education, police and Health have is that they take hold of a whole range of properties. The Department of Communities does not have information about the properties that those big agencies hold. The member might want to think about crafting his future questions in that way. The answer that has been provided is as follows.

- (1) Of the 413 GROH properties in Broome, a total of 79 are owned by the Department of Communities and 334 are privately leased.
- (2)–(3) The Department of Communities does not operate a waitlist for GROH. Client agencies continually submit and update requests for GROH to enable them to forecast and meet the changing demand as part of their workforce planning. The requests fluctuate during the course of the year as business needs change, and do not always indicate an immediate demand for housing.