

HOMELESSNESS — SOCIAL HOUSING

445. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Minister for Homelessness:

I have a supplementary question. Has the government even replaced the 1 300 social homes it sold in its first term?

Mr J.N. CAREY replied:

We have a very clear commitment, which is on the public record, to deliver 3 300 homes over four years, with a significant investment of \$2.4 billion. I am happy to compare that with what the opposition offers on homelessness, which is nothing. Hon Steve “Missing in Action” Martin—we do not see him anywhere—said in the last week that Boorloo Bidee Mia was a good project, but previous to that he had incessantly attacked it. He said it should be full overnight. That is despite all the advice from the Aboriginal-controlled organisation. I note that the member for Cottesloe has not been down there. When we speak to the Aboriginal-controlled organisation, which has done an outstanding job, its advice is very clear that we have to build this over time, and that is what we are doing. We have listened to the advice. We have a clear plan. We have a clear investment for that.

What we see from members opposite is nothing. They are missing in action —

Mr R.S. Love interjected.

Mr J.N. CAREY: They are missing in action and not delivering. They cannot deliver. They have no policies at all. I am deeply proud of our government’s effort and our record investment in social housing, and we will continue to deliver on that.