

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION — AFFORDABILITY

387. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Premier:

If the Premier is genuinely interested in delivering more housing stock in the affordable range, why does he not tweak his policy and direct more high-rise developments to lower priced, more affordable suburbs, and stop his attack on the western suburbs?

The SPEAKER: Order, please! Members, I am waiting to be able to give the Premier the call.

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

I know that the member surveys the premium housing product of his electorate all the time, but if he goes to places like Cannington, he would see multi-dwelling, quality and affordable housing products being developed everywhere. The member should come to my electorate, where he could see a range of medium-density and high-density housing developments taking place. In fact, he would see a great development around my home, to which the member is not invited. It is higher density development around the Metronet hub, which is about creating vibrant, accessible, interconnected and great communities.

The member needs to get out of the western suburbs and stop worrying about his own backyard. We are getting on with the process of developing affordable social housing right across the metropolitan area in Western Australia. I am sorry that it is not taking place in the member's area, but we are determined to produce great housing outcomes in a difficult time, and the Minister for Housing is doing a great job to make sure that we can provide great homes for Western Australians.