

HOMESWEST, WAITING TIME ON PRIORITY LSIT

332. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Housing:
- (1) What is the current average waiting time for people on the priority list for each Homeswest Region in the State?
  - (2) What is the current average waiting time for people on the Homeswest priority list for Western Australia overall?
  - (3) At the end of each month between January and June 2000 -
    - (a) what was the total number of people on the priority list for each Homeswest region; and
    - (b) of these people, how many had been on the priority list for more than eight weeks?
  - (4) What is the longest time someone has been on the priority wait list in the last six months and was there any special reason for this?
  - (5) What is the longest time someone has been on the priority wait list in the last six months for which there was no special reason?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1)

North Metro	= 83 days
South Metro	=111 days
South East Metro	= 122 days
Southern	=100 days
South West	= 60 days
Central	= 32 days
Midwest/Gascoyne	= 18 days
Pilbara	= 47 days
Kimberley	= 11 days
- (2) 80 days
- (3)-(5) The Ministry does not maintain historical data in the format requested. It is not practical for the Ministry to commit the resources required to answer the question in its current form. However, Regional Managers monitor priority lists on a regular basis to ensure applicants are housed as quickly as possible. The Ministry has established a process of regular meetings with community agencies to enable them to discuss their most urgent client cases. This provides an opportunity for these agencies to raise their concerns. Where priority applicants have specific needs such as purpose built or modified accommodation, locational selectivity or poor tenancy history, a longer waiting period may be experienced.