

STUCK IN THE HEAT: LIVED EXPERIENCES OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS IN THE KIMBERLEY

1272. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to a report authored by Kimberley Community Legal Services titled *Stuck in the heat: Lived experiences of public housing tenants in the Kimberley*.

- (1) Has the minister read the report?
- (2) Considering the findings of the report, will the minister commit to a review of the cooling policy contained in the public housing rental policy?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) The state government provides cooling in homes through cost-effective means for tenants, including ceiling fans, higher ceilings, roof and wall insulation and appropriate design. Specific design features are considered in all new construction in the north west to accommodate the climate in that region. The McGowan government is committed to housing more vulnerable people in modern, well-designed homes. This forms part of our \$2.4 billion investment over four years to increase and improve the quality and accessibility of social housing and homelessness services across the state.