

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:

Given the many agencies including corporatised trading concerns falling outside my portfolio responsibilities that have resumptive powers I am unable to provide the requested information for the whole of the government. The following information is provided in respect of my portfolio:

Albany Port Authority, Armadale Redevelopment Authority, Broome Port Authority, Bunbury Port Authority, Dampier Port Authority, East Perth Redevelopment Authority, Eastern Goldfield Transport Board, Esperance Port Authority, Fremantle Port Authority, Geraldton Port Authority, LandCorp, Main Roads WA, Midland Redevelopment Authority, Office of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Port Hedland Port Authority, Public Transport Authority, Subiaco Redevelopment Authority, WA Planning Commission:

Nil

Department for Planning and Infrastructure:

The Department for Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) - dealt with two acquisitions in April:

- (1) Mandurah for road purposes, nil compensation paid by DPI.
- (2) Gosnells for disposal to adjacent landowners, nil compensation paid by DPI.

HOMESWEST TENANTS WHO ARE SUBJECT OF COMPLAINTS

2226. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) How many Homeswest tenants were the subject of more than four complaints?
- (2) How many Homeswest tenants were the subject of more than -
 - (a) 4;
 - (b) 6;
 - (c) 12;
 - (d) 20; and
 - (e) 30?
 complaints relating to separate incidents in the last quarter?
- (3) Of those Homeswest tenants who were the subject of more than six complaints during the last quarter, how many were not evicted?

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:

The Department of Housing and Works advises

- (1) It's the role of the Department to provide housing for those most in need. This includes people who have no other housing options. The Department seeks to balance providing a home and support for the more disadvantaged members of our community, with the broader community's right to a peaceful and safe neighbourhood. Especially where children are involved, efforts need to be made to try to provide them with a home before a decision is taken to evict a family from public housing.

The Department does not condone anti-social behaviour caused by its tenants. Where that behaviour is in breach of their tenancy agreement, the appropriate action will be taken. The Department is bound by the Residential Tenancies Act 1987. The processes prescribed by the Residential Tenancies Act (1987) involve responses to substantiated complaints, which are progressively a Notice of Breach, a Notice of Termination and finally court action to terminate a tenancy. The Department investigates complaints to confirm what has occurred so appropriate action, including eviction, can be taken against a tenant.

With regard to anti-social and criminal behaviour, the Department fully supports police efforts to identify and charge the perpetrators.

In the three months, February to April 2007, 43 tenants were evicted.

The Department does not collate data across its 34, 500 tenancies on the number of complaints per individual tenancy. Each tenancy is monitored.

- (2) As per question 1 above.
- (3) As per question 1 above.

HOUSING - FIRST START PROGRAM

2243. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Housing and Works

Can the Minister please advise -

- (1) How many families have applied for the First Start program?
- (2) How many of these applications have been processed?
- (3) How many of these processed applications have been successful?
- (4) What is the process time from receipt of application to approval/decline for each application?
- (5) How many of the received applications are from the metropolitan area?
- (6) How many of the received applications are from regional areas?
- (7) How many of the received applications are from rural areas?
- (8) How many of the received applications are from Bunbury families?
- (9) How many applications have been approved for Bunbury families?
- (10) How many applications have been received and approved for families in the South West?

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:

The State Government launched First Start in February 2007. The \$300million First Start initiative is a shared equity home loan scheme, with the capacity to assist 3000 Western Australian households over the next three years. In particular, First Start aims to help low to moderate income West Australian families to purchase or build their first home.

Under the scheme, the State Government, through the Department of Housing and Works, will purchase a share in the property and provide the homebuyer with a Keystart low-deposit loan to purchase the remaining share. The Department will purchase up to 40 percent for families with incomes under \$60,000; up to 30 per cent for couples with incomes under \$50,000; and up to 30 per cent for singles with incomes under \$35,000.

Already, overall more than 200 West Australian households have been approved for a First Start Home loan and have purchased or are in the process of purchasing a property.

Homes already purchased have ranged from \$124,000 to \$365,000. Properties have been purchased throughout the State including in Perth, Albany, Armadale, Bentley, Clarkson, Mandurah, Nollamara, Northam, Port Kennedy, Wanneroo, Wagin and Yokine. The dollar value of the homes purchased is \$17.107 million.

The Department of Housing and Works advises the following information is current as at 21 May 2007:

- 1) 2,379
- 2) 2,340
- 3) 165
- 4) 2 days if all documentation is in order.
- 5) 1,917
- 6) 189
- 7) 273
- 8) 52
- 9) 4
- 10) 7

HOUSING - FIRST START PROGRAM

2244. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Housing and Works

Can the Minister please advise -

- (1) How many couples have applied for the First Start program?
- (2) How many of these applications have been processed?
- (3) How many of these processed applications have been successful?
- (4) How many of the received couples' applications are from the metropolitan area?
- (5) How many of the received couples' applications are from regional areas?
- (6) How many of the received couples' applications are from rural areas?
- (7) How many of the received applications are from Bunbury couples?
- (8) How many applications have been approved for Bunbury couples?
- (9) How many applications have been received and approved for couples in the South West?

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:

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The Department of Housing and Works advises the following information is current as at 21 May 2007:

- 1) 520
- 2) 513
- 3) 16
- 4) 437
- 5) 32
- 6) 51
- 7) 43
- 8) 2 applications are being processed for pre-approval.
- 9) 12 applications are being processed for pre-approval.

HOUSING - FIRST START PROGRAM

2245. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Housing and Works

Can the Minister please advise -

- (1) How many singles have applied for the First Start program?
- (2) How many of these applications have been processed?
- (3) How many of these processed applications have been successful?
- (4) How many of the received singles' applications are from the metropolitan area?
- (5) How many of the received singles' applications are from regional areas?
- (6) How many of the received singles' applications are from rural areas?
- (7) How many of the received applications are from Bunbury singles?
- (8) How many applications have been approved for Bunbury singles?
- (9) How many applications have been received and approved for singles in the South West?

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:

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The Department of Housing and Works advises the following information is current as at 21 May 2007:

- 1) 1,212
- 2) 1,194
- 3) 21
- 4) 1,002
- 5) 93
- 6) 117
- 7) 30
- 8) 2
- 9) 2 applications are being processed for pre-approval.

MINISTERS OF THE CROWN - ACCOUNTABILITY AND STATISTICS ON OFFICES AND STAFF

2258. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Corrective Services; Small Business; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations

- (1) What was the maximum number (head count) of employees who were engaged in communications, marketing, speechwriting or media (including public, corporate and media relations) for the Department and the Minister last month?
 - (a) What was the job title for each of these employees; and
 - (b) What is the salary band for each of these employees?
- (2) How many people resigned (not retired) from each agency under the Minister's control last month (please list each agency)?
- (3) How many consultants were engaged by agencies under the Minister's control last month and what was the task and cost of each?
- (4) How many of the following were stolen, lost or went missing from agencies (including the Ministerial office) under the Minister's control last month (please list agencies) -
 - (a) laptops, notebooks, palm computers;
 - (b) mobile phones; and
 - (c) government-owned cars?
- (5) How much money was spent last month on the following by agencies under the Minister's control -
 - (a) market research/polling;
 - (b) television advertising;
 - (c) print media advertising; and
 - (d) radio advertising?
- (6) What requests made for additional resources or funding were rejected or only partially approved by the Minister last month and what were the reasons for those rejections?
- (7) How much money did the Minister and Ministerial staff spend on travel last month and what was the nature of each trip undertaken?
- (8) How much money did the Minister spend on the Ministerial Credit Card last month (please give reasons for each spend over \$200)?
- (9) How much money did the Minister's Chief of Staff, media advisor and executive officer spend on their government credit cards last month (please give reasons for each spend over \$200)?
- (10) How much money did the Minister spend on office furniture, ornaments, art and other items, excluding items of an operational nature, for the Ministerial office last month (please provide a breakdown of all items in excess of \$200)?
- (11) Who did the Minister purchase food and/or alcohol for, using Government funds last month, and -
 - (a) how much was spent in each case;
 - (b) where was the purchase made; and
 - (c) why was Government money used in each case?