



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mark Parton MLA on 10 November 2022: John Dietz took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Builders Handing back affordable housing blocks

MR PARTON: Right. Because it just seems to me that that is a hell of a lot of messing around over two years in the height of a housing affordability crisis, it sort of sounds a bit like fiddling while Rome burns, but those blocks really should have got to market in some way in an affordable form. Did any builders hand back blocks due to the increase in building costs over the two year period that it took the agency to award the tenders?

Mr Dietz: I might need to take the specifics of that on notice, and I assume your question there is all encompassing, not just related to the ones in Taylor. We are definitely cognisant of some of the struggles that our builders are facing. When we go through a process of a put and call working with our display village builders, there may be some that have not taken on a final part of that contract because of their concern of where the market is currently at.

MR PARTON: Right, okay.

Mr Dietz: But I can take that on notice.

MR PARTON: And on notice, on the broad basis, is fine. But just Taylor 1B is what I am looking for and I am assuming, in closing, that the agency has undertaken some sort of post implementation review to ascertain why such good ideas on paper did not actually play out.

Mr Dietz: Absolutely. And that has actually been involved, sorry, encompassed then in options analysis for steps going forward.

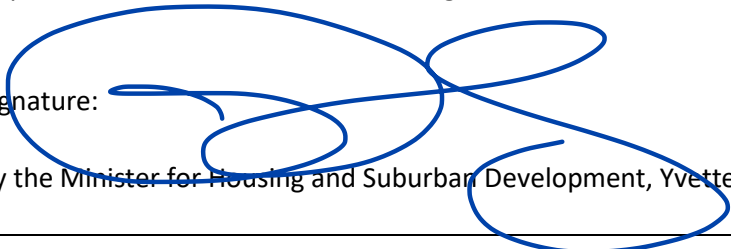
MR PARTON: All right.

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Of the 181 house and land packages in Whitlam and Taylor that have been identified for delivery through the Affordable Home Purchase Scheme, none of these blocks have been handed back by builders. 180 of these have sold to eligible buyers with the remaining house and land package under negotiation.

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By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry MLA