



SELECT COMMITTEE ON COST OF LIVING PRESSURES IN THE ACT
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Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by LAWDER on 13 April 2023: Hannah Andrevski took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MS LAWDER: Would you have information—you have got your graph about circumstances of families assisted in 2022, which I know you said may add up to more than 100 because you can nominate a couple of different categories.

Ms Andrevski: Yes.

MS LAWDER: But, you know, would you have a comparison over time?

Ms Andrevski: Yes, I could definitely provide that.

MS LAWDER: It might illustrate that cost of living emphasis, perhaps.

Roundabout Canberra: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Roundabout Canberra has not seen a significant change in the percentage of families recording “causes of need” categories. As shown in the below chart, financial hardship was at its highest point during 2021 which can be linked to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated lockdown. This number has slowly started to rise after dropping in 2022, we expect this category to rise as the year progresses. One growth area we have noticed increasing compared to 2019-2021 is housing instability, which is we know is closely linked to the cost-of-living pressure.

As shown in our submission, we have seen a significant growth in the number of families who we are providing material support. Whilst the “cause” of needing support has not changed significantly, we are seeing families accessing services who were not accessing support in 2019-2022.



FAMILY CAUSES OF NEED

- Financial hardship
- Housing instability
- Family violence
- Single mother
- Mental health

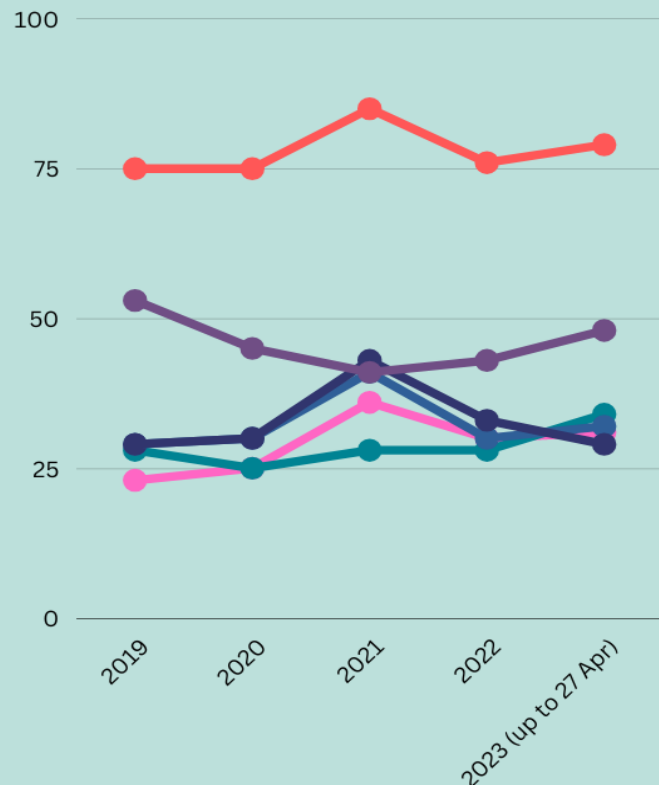


Chart 1: Top 5 causes of need recorded as being experiences by families seeking material support recorded as a percentage value

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