



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into the Administration of Bail in the ACT ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Dr Marisa Paterson MLA on 18 June 2024: Mr Ray Johnson, Acting Deputy Director-General, Community Safety, Justice and Community Safety Directorate, took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

DR PATERSON: And so there are people that are stuck in the justice housing program that are not transitioning out because there is no public housing available to them?

Ms Davidson: We are doing our very best to make sure that people continue to move through those programs so that transitional housing does not become long-term housing. But, you know, this requires a number of different directorates to be able to work well together and so, you know, it is really helpful that we now have a coordinated general of housing who can be part of making sure that these things are connected up.

DR PATERSON: Are you able to provide the committee with the average length of time that someone was in justice housing—

Mr Johnson: They are actually in the evaluation. I believe the number was 68 days. If it is not that, I will provide it on notice with the correct answer, but it is certainly in the magnitude.

MS EMMA DAVIDSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

As outlined in the [Process Evaluation of the Justice Housing Program \(JHP\)](#), the average length of stay in a JHP property was 99.2 days between May 2020 and mid-August 2023, with a median stay of 63 days. As transitional supported accommodation, residents are offered a 3-month occupancy agreement for JHP, but this can be extended on an individual basis, dependent on circumstances.

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Signature: 

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