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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Johnathan Davis MLA on 20 July 2023: Stephen Miners took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Proportion of ratepayers' money provided to external providers

MR DAVIS: I see. In respect to the ones that the community housing providers own or that frankly any ground external to government owns, can I get a better understanding, both in this budget specifically but budgets historically, the proportion of ratepayers' money that has been provided to external providers to own and operate their own asset base as opposed to our own.

Mr Miners: Yes, I will have to take that on notice. I do not have the details of that in front of me. Certainly, the fund that we have set up will allow them to own the assets. The other thing is there is a mix and I just do not have that detail on me at the moment so I will have to take that on notice.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- Under the Housing ACT Housing Asset Assistance Program (HAAP), Territory public housing assets are leased to Community Housing Providers (CHPs) to provide affordable housing solutions and specialist homelessness services to vulnerable Canberrans.
 - In 2022/23, the total amount of funding provided to CHPs for community housing services was \$14,768,828.
- To date, the ACT Government has not funded CHPs to own and operate their own asset base for community housing needs. In the 23-24 Budget, the ACT announced the establishment of a \$60 million affordable housing project fund that is open to CHPs.
- The government also provides some grant and other services funding for housing and homelessness services to CHPs, this funding relates to the delivery of services and not towards owning and operating their own assets.

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Signature: 

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By the Acting Minister for Housing and Suburban Land Development, Andrew Barr MLA