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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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**ANSWER TO
QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Mark Parton MLA to ask the Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services

Ref: Budget Statement G – Homelessness Services BS – G - Page 50 – Changes to Appropriation –
Controlled Recurrent Payments

Date (Question Lodged by Member): 07/09/2022

Date (Question Sent to DLO): 08/09/2022

In relation to Community support and connectedness – expanding specialist homelessness service capacity:

- 1. What will the 1.8 million in the 2022-23 budget provide?**
- 2. How are those experiencing homelessness provided assistance to engage with these services?**

MARK PARTON
Shadow Minister for Transport

Minister Vassarotti: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- The investment of approximately \$1.879 million in additional funding in the ACT 2022/23 Budget continues to strengthen support for the specialist homelessness services sector by allocating:
 - approximately \$329,000 to existing service providers, calibrated to their current needs, to increase the service capacity of the sector and continue the delivery of programs established during the COVID-19 pandemic, including for the Axial rough sleeper pilot, Ainslie Lodge and OneLink; and,
 - \$1.55 million for service system enhancements and improved data collection to support the delivery of efficient, responsive, and outcomes-based services.
- OneLink is the centralised service point for homelessness in the ACT and can be accessed via Housing ACT's Central Access Point, the OneLink webpage or by phone (free call) Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm. OneLink aims to improve accessibility by assisting people to navigate the system and providing supported ('warm') referrals to agencies who can further assist them. OneLink works closely with Homelessness Services, Housing ACT, Child and Youth Protection Services (CYPS), the Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS), Corrections, Police and Health.

St Vincent de Paul's Street to Home team actively seeks out people who are sleeping rough to engage and build relationships with them and continue to offer support, even if initially turned away. The inner-city food engagement services comprising the Early Morning Centre (EMC), Red Cross Roadhouse and Blue Door provide a network of access points for people who are experiencing homelessness. All food engagement services also provide access to individually tailored support and offer warm referrals to OneLink, Ainslie Lodge, Havelock House, and Ainslie Village.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature: 

Date: 13/9/2022

By Minister Rebecca Vassarotti, Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services

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