



## Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023** **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Jo Clay MLA:

Reference: Housing Policy

In relation to: Housing Australia Future Fund – Community Housing

In response to a question about the Housing Australia Future Fund the Co-ordinator General for Housing advised:

'.. we have been working with community housing providers on the assumption that the HAFF (Housing Australia Future Fund) would be up and running. So it's something we've been talking to community housing providers a lot about already and making sure they're aware of it and we continue to help them or are helping them access it, but we are continuing to make sure they are aware of the fund and what they can do'.

(1) Have these discussions been with community housing providers already existing in the ACT?

(2) Have community housing providers not in the ACT been involved in the discussions?

(3) Have Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community housing organisations been involved in these discussions?

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

(1) Yes, there have been discussions with community housing providers already existing in the ACT.

- ACT Government officials regularly meet with all community housing providers (CHPs) operating in the ACT at quarterly ACT Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA) Regional Committee Meetings. The agenda usually includes discussions about the Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF).
- The ACT Government also meets with individual CHPs from time to time to explore opportunities to deliver social and affordable housing in the ACT including through the HAFF.

- On 1 June 2023, the ACT Government officials attended a National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (NHFC) information and engagement session for ACT community housing providers about the HAFF.
- On 4 August 2023, the ACT Government officials conducted a workshop for ACT CHPs. The purpose of this workshop was to provide an update on local and national affordable housing initiatives, including the National Housing Accord and HAFF.

(2) Yes, community housing providers not in the ACT have been involved in discussions.

- The ACT Government officials have met with some CHPs that are registered on the National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH), but do not currently operate in the ACT.

(3) Yes, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community housing organisations been involved in discussions.

- All ACT CHPs, including Yeddung Mura (Good Pathways) Aboriginal Corporation, were invited to the workshop on 4 August where ACT Government and NHFC officials provided an update on local and national affordable housing initiatives, including the National Housing Accord and HAFF; however, Yeddung Mura were unable to attend.

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Signature:



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