



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025

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### ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Mr Mark Parton MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services

Reference: Housing ACT

Hearing Date: 24/07/2024

In relation to: Community Services Directorate and Expansion of specialty homelessness service capacity

QON lodgement Date: 26/07/2024

Answer Due date: 02/08/2024

(1) Why was 800,000 budgeted to expansion of specialty homelessness service capacity not spent in 2023-24?

(2) What will this money be spent on in 2024-25?

(3) What is the expected outcome of this expenditure?

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

**(1) Why was 800,000 budgeted to expansion of specialty homelessness service capacity not spent in 2023-24?**

This funding was allocated through the 2023-24 Budget to expand homelessness service capacity through Commissioning. This funding was rolled over to allow further work to be undertaken in the design and invest phase for clients with complex needs, food and engagement services and sector training priorities.

This funding will be expended in full during the 2024-25 financial year.

**(2) What will this money be spent on in 2024-25?**

This funding will support the expansion of speciality homelessness service capacity through additional funding:

- for homelessness food and engagement services in the ACT
- to respond to the increased number of clients with high and complex support requirements;  
and
- for sector training and development opportunities.

**(3) What is the expected outcome of this expenditure?**

This investment is expected to support the speciality homelessness sector in meeting increased demand for services and increased complexity of clients. It will also increase support for sector identified priority development needs for workers including de-escalation, trauma-informed services and cultural awareness.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature: 

Date: 11/01/2024

By the Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services, Ms Rebecca Vassarotti