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Mr Thomas Emerson MLA
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Standing Committee on Social Policy
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Dear Mr Emerson,

I write to clarify evidence provided to the Standing Committee on Social Policy on 21 February 2025.

Ms Nuttall asked a question about funding for public housing modifications for residents with disabilities (p.363 of proof Hansard):

MISS NUTTALL: Yes, absolutely. How much money is allocated for public housing modifications for residents with disabilities each year?

Ms Valler: Last year, \$1.9 million was spent on disability modifications, and that was for close to 460 homes.

MISS NUTTALL: Could I confirm the number again?

Ms Valler: It was \$1.9 million.

MISS NUTTALL: Of that \$1.9 million, how much remains for this financial year?

Ms Valler: That was in the 2023-24 financial year. At the end of this financial year, 2024-25, I will have an accurate number for you.

Ms Rule: That was the actual spend. I think it comes out of our general maintenance budget, not our repairs and maintenance budget. Those are actual numbers that Ms Valler was referring to.

To clarify, the repairs and maintenance budget and general maintenance budget are the same. Further, disability modifications is a budget line within the repairs and maintenance budget.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given as to how the public record can be updated to reflect this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Rule', with a stylized, cursive script.

Catherine Rule
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13 May 2025