



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

In relation to: Housing assistance policy and services and Affordable rentals

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MISS NUTTALL: Beautiful, I am here to ask about OneLink, if that is okay? So is the government in discussions with community housing providers on using OneLink to provide an affordable rental home?

Ms Berry: Do you want to—well, I will start. There is a new provider for services provided by the ACT government after recently a procurement process was completed. The new provider is Salvation Army, and the new name is something Canberra—First Canberra. That will be—there will be a process for Salvos to go through to do that name change and we will support them communicating that to our tenants and others. What did you ask again?

MISS NUTTALL: This was specifically—

Ms Berry: About affordable housing?

MISS NUTTALL: Affordable rentals.

Ms Berry: Affordable rentals.

Mr Balaretnaraja: As a part of our intake and assessment process, there is a process that can be going—gone through, where people can select the option of affordable rentals, and that is managed through that process. I will have to take on notice whether that is done through OneLink, whether it is through our boarder waitlist.

Ms Berry: First Canberra.

Mr Balaretnaraja: Through First Canberra.

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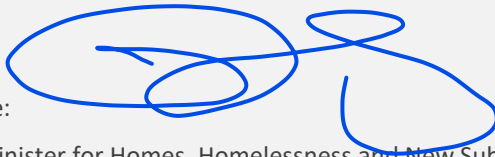
Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Central Intake Service has no role in relation to affordable rentals.

Affordable rental housing is not the same as public housing. Affordable rental housing includes homes in the private rental market and the community housing sector. These homes are offered for rent at a discounted rate.

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By the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs, Ms Yvette Berry MLA