



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION
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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert:

In relation to: Housing for people with disabilities
CSD Annual Reports 2019–20 page 106, 109.

1. 31 people with disabilities were accommodated in share houses provided by Housing ACT at 30 June 2020. Is there currently a waiting list, and if so, how many people are awaiting accommodation?
2. Annual Reports state that specific cohort groups in the ACT community were employed under the Total Facilities Management (TFM) contract. One of the cohorts is people with disability. How many people with disability were employed under the contract?

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

1. Housing ACT's Disability Share House arrangements were put in place at the request of guardians upon the closure of Disability ACT. Whilst many individuals proceeded with community agencies, a number of houses/individuals requested tenancies with Housing ACT.

Housing ACT does not have a designated disability share house waitlist although works closely with disability support providers and members of the community regarding individuals that would benefit or require disability share house accommodation.

People with disabilities who apply for social housing have their disability requirements considered as part of the assessment, prioritisation & allocation process. A core component of this process is early engagement with the applicant/s and their supports to ensure their Housing journey is informed by their individual needs and requirements.

There are currently around 136 properties in the HAAP program providing accommodation specifically for people with disabilities (including mental health issues). The largest providers are Havelock Housing Association (105 head leased properties), Focus ACT (19 head leased properties). Smaller numbers of properties are head leased for this purpose to Catholic Care, The Disability Trust, Barton Association Inc, Hartley Lifecare Incorporated, L'Arche Australia, and mental health accommodation provided by Mental Health Service, Mental Illness Fellowship Incorporated (Well Ways), and Richmond Fellowship.

2. At the end of the 2019-2020 financial year, 50 people with disability were employed under the Total Facility Management Contract with Programmed Facility Management.



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