



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr Mark Parton MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 15 November 2023, Annual Report of Community Services Directorate

In relation to: Homelessness

1. How many people has the increased homelessness budget assisted with finding suitable accommodation?
2. What percentage of those claiming homelessness are currently sleeping rough?
3. How engaged are those sleeping rough with the services available?

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

1. The Report on Government Services (ROGS) 2023 data show that in 2021-22, there were 309 more clients achieving independent housing after support. This number is higher than 295 in previous year 2020-21 (Table 1).

Table 1. Clients with independent housing before and after support in the ACT (clients with closed support period)

ACT	Number of all clients	Before support – number of clients with independent housing	After support – number of clients with independent housing	Change (%)	Change (number of clients)
2021-22	2004	36.9%	52.3%	15.4%	309
2020-21	2045	43.2%	55.8%	12.6%	295

Source: Data analysis from the 2023 Report on Government Services (ROGS) Table 19A.32

**Note the 2023 ROGS uses 2021-22 data as the latest available. ROGS Homelessness data is released in January each year with data relating to the most recent financial year.*

2. Since early 2021, the ACT has piloted the Rough Sleeper Project, a mechanism to count the number of rough sleepers at the end of each month in the ACT. The data is provided by OneLink, and support services for rough sleepers, including Street to Home, Early Morning Centre, and Ainslie Lodge (formerly Winter Lodge).

At 30 June 2023, the number of possible unique rough sleepers notified by the above services was 101. This includes 71 confirmed rough sleepers and 30 rough sleepers without clear names and information.

3. Of the 71 confirmed rough sleepers in the Rough Sleeper Project, 60 were receiving support from OneLink and homelessness services on 30 June 2023. Of the 60 rough sleepers:

- 19 had achieved housing needs and are no longer requesting support,
- 11 were being supported,
- 24 had disengaged with the program, and
- 6 were new referrals to the project.

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Signature:



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