



**STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Minister for Corrections

In relation to: **Justice Reinvestment Programs – Justice Housing Program**

Ref: Budget Statement D, Output 2.1, Table 24: Changes to appropriation, line item “Providing alternatives to jail through the Justice Housing Program”, p24

1. Funding is being cut from this program for the next two years. Why is this?
  - a. How much funding will remain for this program for the next two years?
  - b. How will these funding cuts functionally affect the Justice Housing Program?
2. How many properties are being managed by the Justice Housing Program?
  - a. What is the total capacity of these properties?
  - b. In what suburbs are these properties located in?
  - c. Are members of different families accommodated together in the same property?
  - d. How many individuals did the Justice Housing Program service during 2018-2019, 2019-20 and 2020-2021 ytd?

Mick Gentleman MLA: I am advised that the answer to the Member’s question are as follows:–

1. Funding is not being cut from the Justice Housing Program (JHP).
  - a. \$2.390 million will be available for the program for the next two years.
  - b. See answer to Q 1 above.
2. Ten properties are being managed by the JHP, with nine houses currently operational and one ready for occupancy in the coming weeks.
  - a. Each property has three beds, creating a total of 30 beds.
  - b. Four of these properties are located in North Canberra; three in Belconnen; one in Weston Creek; one in Woden; and one in Tuggeranong.
  - c. Yes, members of different families are often accommodated together in the same property as JHP housing is available only to the client and not to their family members. Should two clients with family connections be accepted into the JHP program, they may be housed together if this was their expressed and agreed preference.



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- d. Client numbers since the JHP commenced operations in May 2020:  
2019-20: 2; and  
2020-21 year to date: 30.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Signature: 

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By the Minister for Corrections, Mick Gentleman MLA