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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services

Reference: Estimates Committee

Hearing Date: 24/07/2024

In relation to: Community Services Directorate and Cut in NHHA Funding

QON lodgement Date: 26/07/2024

Answer Due date: 02/08/2024

Given the cut in NHHA funding from the federal government, will the ACT Government be reducing funding for homelessness services in the ACT, which are currently subject to the commissioning cycle?

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

The proportion of funding under the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness (NASHH) allocated to homelessness funding has increased compared to the proportion of funding allocated to homelessness under the previous National Housing and Homelessness Agreement.

As a condition of the NASHH, the ACT Government must match the Commonwealth's homelessness funding. The ACT Government's overall investment in homelessness services is more than the matched funding required under the current (and previous) national agreements.

The ACT Government has increased investment in homelessness services to respond to demand and complexity of need. Over the past 4 years (2020-21 to 2023-24), \$131.664 million was provided to specialist homelessness services in the ACT. In the 2024-25 Budget, the Government has committed to investing approximately \$140.19 million over four years (2024-25 to 2027-28), including \$6.5 million in new initiatives.

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2/8/2024

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