



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

Reference: Homelessness

Hearing: 17 November 2025

In relation to: Homelessness crisis services

Question received: 23 November 2025

Answer Due: 2 December 2025

Minister, Samaritan House:

1. How many people are on the waiting list and what is the average time for people to wait for access to Samaritan House?
2. Does Samaritan House have enough capacity to meet demand for crisis accommodation in Canberra?
3. Why has a Samaritan House in the south not been built?

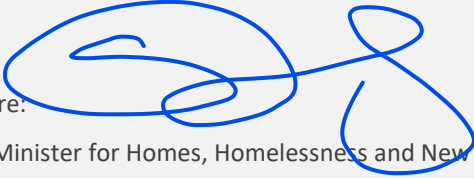
Ms Yvette Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. There are 31 applicants on the waitlist for access to Samaritan House. An average wait time for Samaritan House cannot be provided as this data is not captured by the provider.
2. Samaritan House, like other crisis accommodation services in the ACT, works to meet the needs of vulnerable Canberrans while managing a growing demand for services. The ACT Government is committed to supporting these services and meets regularly with Community Sector Partners to ensure services like Samaritan House are adequately resourced to meet the demands.
3. Homelessness initiatives are delivered across the territory and can be accessed by those in need irrespective of their location. While a Samaritan House has not been built in the south of Canberra, the Woden Youth Foyer will deliver a range of services to support young people who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

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Date: 08/12/25

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