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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND GENDER AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY
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MLA

Inquiry into Housing and Rental Affordability

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

16 September 2022

Asked by Mr Johnathan Davis MLA on 16 September 2022: Dr Emma Campbell took on notice the following questions:

[Ref: UPT 16 September 2022, p 36)

In relation to: Government built community housing vs sourcing from private market.

MR DAVIS: *would you support the government pivoting from building to trying to source more properties from the private market and actually purchasing to ensure it reaches its targets?*

Dr Emma Campbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

ACTCOSS supports any government policy that will deliver the levels public housing stock required to house all individuals who require housing.

Purchasing dwellings from the private market may be one mechanism to achieve this and may support the 'salt and pepper' approach to ensuring public housing dwellings are distributed throughout private housing.

However, purchased dwellings must meet accessibility and quality requirements; appropriate probity checks on sellers and robust procurement processes must be in place; and any policy must not contribute to house price inflation.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

Signature: 

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By the Chief Executive Officer, ACT Council of Social Service

