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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA : To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Ref: Budget Paper 3, page 348: Safer families - providing safe crisis accommodation to people escaping domestic and family violence

Hearing Date: 19 July 2023

In relation to: Funding for Refugees

(1) How much funding from this year's budget has been allocated to providing crisis accommodation to people escaping domestic and family violence?

(2) How much funding has been allocated to the following refuges:

- (a) Beryl Women's Refuge
- (b) Doris Women's Refuge
- (c) Communities @ Work Women's Housing Program
- (d) Northside Housing First - Women's Supported Housing
- (e) Northside Women's Supported Accommodation Program
- (f) Karinya House
- (g) Toora House
- (h) YWCA of Canberra Housing Support
- (i) Other refuge/domestic violence crisis accommodations (please specify)

(3) For each year the past 5 years, how much funding has been provided to the above mentioned refuges by the ACT Government?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- 1) In 2023-24, over \$36 million will be provided in funding to the homelessness sector to support people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness.

From this funding, \$9.2 million has been allocated across 11 programs within the ACT Specialist Homelessness Sector that primarily support women with or without accompanying children. These programs include crisis accommodation, transitional housing, and domestic and sexual violence support.

In addition, \$528,000 funding was provided to support Hotel Brokerage for the Domestic Violence Crisis Service in 2023-24.

All women's services offer domestic and family violence support, however 2 services, Doris Women's Refuge and Beryl Women Inc., are exclusively funded to accommodate women and children escaping domestic violence and in need of an immediate safety response.

2) Details are provided below regarding the funding allocated to the following refuges:

Organisation	2023/24
a) Beryl Women's Refuge	\$1,059,902.40 (GST exc).
b) Doris Women's Refuge	\$919,173.34 (GST exc).
c) Communities @ Work Women's Housing Program	\$316,771.70 (GST exc).
d) Northside Housing First - Women's Supported Housing	\$555,936.03 (GST exc).
e) Northside Women's Supported Accommodation Program	This program has been renamed to Northside Housing First Supported Accommodation. See (d) above.
f) Karinya House	\$978,493.78 (GST exc).
g) Toora House	\$1,743,601.41 (GST exc)
h) YWCA of Canberra Housing Support	\$1,310,382.43 (GST exc)
i) Oother refuge/domestic violence crisis accommodations (please specify)	The homelessness services sector is currently in the process of commissioning for future homelessness service delivery and contractual arrangements. The commissioning process is currently in the invest and delivery phases, with some procurement processes still to be completed in relation to a number of homelessness accommodation and support programs for women.

**Note: The breakdown of funding for 2024-25, and 2025-26 will be subject to the indexation rate and for some services the outcomes of the co-design and investment process planned for the second half of 2023.*

3) Details are provided below regarding how much funding has been allocated to the following refuges over the last five years:

Program	18/19 Funding (GST exc)	19/20 Funding (GST exc)	20/21 Funding (GST exc)	21/22 Funding (GST exc)	22/23 Funding (GST exc)	Total
Beryl – Womens Refuge	\$676,174	\$752,552	\$829,556	\$991,674	\$1,014,941	\$4,264,897
Doris – Womens Refuge	\$587,850	\$653,648	\$717,909	\$860,009	\$880,181	\$3,699,597
Communities@work – Reach Home	\$228,328	\$243,390	\$258,731	\$296,369	\$303,334	\$1,330,152
Northside– Housing First Program (womens support accommodation program is the old program name)	\$413,748	\$435,317	\$456,499	\$520,130	\$532,353	\$2,358,047
Karinya House	\$719,611	\$761,070	\$802,531	\$917,443	\$936,985	\$4,137,640
Toora – DVHS (includes funding for Toora House)	\$1,232,459	\$1,320,885	\$1,406,105	\$1,623,537	\$1,687,205	\$7,270,191
YWCA – housing support unit	\$914,304	\$988,352	\$1,065,406	\$1,225,984	\$1,254,795	\$5,448,841
TOTAL	\$4,772,474	\$5,155,214	\$5,536,737	\$6,435,146	\$6,609,794	\$28,509,365

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Signature:



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By the Acting Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Rachel Stephen-Smith
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