



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Yvette Berry MLA

Reference: Southside homelessness services /Community Services

Hearing: 11 February 2025

In relation to: Southside homelessness services

Question received: 17 February 2025

Answer Due: 24 February 2025

(1) Would you please outline what homelessness services are on Canberra's southside, including:

- men's crisis centres
- food drop-in centres and their hours of operation

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

(1) Homelessness services on Canberra's southside

In 2024-25, the ACT Government has provided \$36 million in funding to support organisations in the Specialist Homelessness Sector. Programs include crisis accommodation, transitional accommodation, specialist services including domestic violence counselling, food and engagement services, central intake, peak body and more generalist support and advocacy services. Access to these services are available across Canberra, including on Canberra's southside.

Services including, Toora, the Salvation Army, the YWCA, Saint Vincent de Paul and Everyman have transitional properties available to support those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in the southside of the ACT. The Woden Youth Foyer is also currently being constructed which will provide additional services for youth at risk of homelessness later in 2025.

Men's crisis centres

There is no dedicated building for men's crisis accommodation on the southside. Through homelessness funding and the Housing Asset Assistance Program, properties for transitional accommodation can be provided to men on the southside in line with their identified needs and support services. Within current funding for specialist homelessness services funding there are

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10 properties on the southside provided to Everyman for the provision of transitional and supported accommodation.

Food drop-in centres and their hours of operation

The Canberra Food Relief Network provides food pantries, food co-ops and other relevant services that help residents within the Southside region struggling with access to food and groceries. These pantries are run by community organisations, groups, and dedicated individuals across the ACT, with the support of VolunteeringACT. [Food Relief - VolunteeringACT](#)

Comms@work have a Community Pantry at Tuggeranong Arts Centre. It is open Mondays: 12:30pm to 3pm, Tuesdays – Fridays: 9.00am to 3pm. [Food Support - Community Pantry - Communities at Work.](#)

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

Minister for Homes and New Suburbs, Yvette Berry MLA

Date:

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