



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

Reference: Homelessness

Hearing: 17 November 2025

In relation to: Services and Needs

Question received: 17 November 2025

Answer Due: 2 December 2025

1. The 2025-26 Budget committed funding of \$19.62 million to support new initiatives for the sector to address ongoing pressures in the system targeted for our most vulnerable Canberrans. This funding ensures individuals and families experiencing, or at risk of homelessness, have access to a range of specialist homelessness support services. What are these initiatives and what makes each 'new'? Thank you.

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

1. In the 2025-26 Budget, new funding of \$19.62m was allocated to the homelessness sector.

Of the total budget, \$16.22 million is new funding to support ongoing initiatives and ensure current levels of homelessness supports are maintained. This funding included:

- \$11.159 million over 3 years from 2026-27 to maintain the homelessness community sector funding boost. This funding boost will be applied to current providers of specialist homelessness services in the ACT, this includes youth homelessness services.
- \$5.064 million over four years to support the continued operation of MacKillop House, the Early Morning Centre weekend service, Ainslie Lodge and Axial Housing.

A new emergency accommodation initiative was funded in the budget, receiving funding of \$3.398 million over 4 years. This is a new initiative, trialling a new program utilising hotel brokerage alongside a more sustainable and community-integrated approach using existing Housing ACT properties. The program includes funding of \$1.880 million for hotel brokerage and \$1.518 million over 3 years from 2026-27 for providers to operate the program.

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