



STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING
Mr Johnathan Davis MLA (Chair), Mr James Milligan MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
Friday 4 March 2022

Asked by Mr Pettersson on 4 March 2022: Geoff Aigner took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Does Housing ACT have a number of tenancies displaying these behaviours?

MS VASSAROTTI: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

From ACT Health

The ACT Government's Hoarding Case Management Group (HCMG) is convened by the ACT Health Directorate's Health Protection Service and facilitates collaboration of government agencies in responding to complex hoarding cases. HCMG oversees 6-10 cases at any one time.

HCMG has representatives from areas of ACTHD, Canberra Health Services, Community Services Directorate, Justice and Community Safety Directorate, ACT Human Rights Commission, and Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate.

Further work is underway to build on the work of the HCMG, including providing agencies the opportunity to share information on the extent of their work relating to hoarding and squalor and to engage with stakeholders and people with lived experience.

ACTHD has primary responsibility for the small number of reported hoarding or squalor cases that involve an insanitary condition under the Public Health Act 1997, and currently only manage one case involving hoarding and squalor

From CSD

Housing ACT currently has 22 cases with hoarding and squalor behaviours. Housing ACT is actively engaging with all clients and providing appropriate referrals to subject matter experts including the HCMG.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services, Rebecca Vassarotti MLA