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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

CSD-No 19 – 19-06-2014

Asked by Mrs Giulia Jones on 19 June 2014: Mr Shane Rattenbury took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Crisis Accommodation for older Canberrans

What percentage of people over 55 access crisis accommodation? How does that compare with last year (2012-13) and the year before (2011-12)? Is CSD doing anything to address older Canberrans seeking crisis support? Can you also provide the committee with the percentages of older people in the ACT?

MINISTER RATTENBURY: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

The Community Service Directorate does not record or collect data regarding access to homelessness services based on aged groups.

However, First Point, the central access point for homelessness services a community sector organisation funded by CSD, has been collecting this data since 2012 when it commenced participating in the Specialist Homelessness Information Platform (SHIP) the national data collection for homelessness. The public may contact First Point for a number of reasons, including clients seeking longer term accommodation, outreach support and those who following assesment are found not to require crisis accommodation and may then be referred to other support agencies.

Data is not available for 2011-12 as First Point was transitioning to the SHIP during that year.

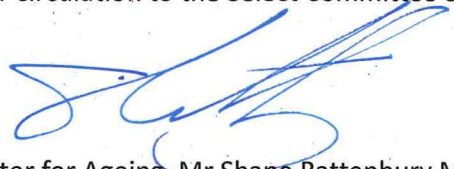
In 2012-13, First Point placed 23 people out of 77 people who approached First Point in the 56 years plus age groups in crisis accommodation. This equates to 29.87%.

In 2013-14 (1 July 2013 to 31 May 2014), First Point placed 21 people out of 88 people who approached First Point in the 56 years plus age groups in crisis accommodation. This equates to 23.86%

According to ABS population projections based on the 2011 census, at 30 June 2013, 20.6% of ACT residents were aged over 55.

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By the Minister for Ageing, Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA