

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 14 June 2018

Subject: Masterplan for using Territory Housing properties as emergency women's shelters

From: Leader of the Opposition, Mr Gary Higgins MLA

To: Minister for Housing and Community Development, the Hon Gerry McCarthy MLA

Agency: Department of Housing and Community Development

Number: 5-2

Question: Last year you told this committee that the government was still developing a masterplan for using Territory housing properties as emergency women's shelters. When will that masterplan be released, and what funding is attached to it?

Answer: The Department of Housing and Community Development has developed an NT Homeless Strategy and 5 Year Action Plan which has taken a holistic view of homeless needs, including the need for emergency women's shelters.

Northern Territory properties are not utilised as emergency women's shelters because the non-government organisation sector is already funded through Government to provide this service.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has an existing policy that gives priority housing to women and families of domestic violence.