



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Child Protection, Hon Robyn Cahill OAM MLA:

Leaving Care and Post-Care Support

1. How many young people currently aged 15–17 in care do not have a current leaving care plan?
 - a. If the absence of a leaving care plan is not itself recorded, please provide both the number of young people aged 15–17 in care and the number for whom a current leaving care plan is recorded, so that the difference can be taken.
2. What is the standard departmental timeframe for completing a leaving care plan before a young person turns 18?
3. How does the Department ensure young people can access their financial entitlements where no current plan exists?
4. What accountability measures apply when statutory care planning requirements are not met?
 - a. What action has the Government taken to ensure compliance with care planning requirements, and what additional resourcing has been allocated to guarantee young people leaving care have clear, documented access to their financial entitlements?
5. How does the Department evaluate whether its transition-to-independence programs are working?
6. What specific funding is allocated in 2026–27 to prevent young people leaving care from becoming homeless?
 - a. Under which budget output is that funding recorded?
 - b. How much of that funding is additional to the amount allocated for the same purpose in 2025–26, and how much is a continuation of existing funding?
 - c. How much of it is direct financial assistance to young people?

- d. What was the exact allocation for homelessness services for young people transitioning to independence in 2025–26?
 - e. What specific budget measures are allocated to ensure young people have access to safe housing at the point they exit care, and under which output are they recorded?
- 7. The Family Support output is funded at \$49.460 million in 2026–27. How much of this is specifically allocated to post-care support services for young people aged 18 to 25 who have exited out-of-home care, including the Moving On program delivered by Anglicare NT and the Housing for Young People program delivered by Mission Australia?
 - a. Please provide the exact dollar allocation for Moving On and for Housing for Young People.
 - b. How many full-time equivalent positions are funded to deliver each service across the Territory?
 - c. Please provide the breakdown by program and service provider, including the funded FTE allocation for each.
 - d. If post-care support is not separately costed within the Family Support output, at what level is expenditure against that output disaggregated?
- 8. What proportion of allocated funding for the Housing for Young People program is currently translating into delivery of core services (tenancy support and independent living programs)?
 - a. What explains any gap between funding, contractual KPIs and actual service provision?
 - b. If delivery against allocated funding is not tracked at service level for that program, what is reported to the Department by the provider, and at what interval?
- 9. What proportion of allocated funding for the Moving On program is currently translating into delivery of core services (financial brokerage)?
 - a. What explains any gap between funding, contractual KPIs and actual service provision?
- 10. How many young people aged 18–25 received support through Moving On and Housing for Young People in 2025–26?
 - a. How many received tenancy support?
 - b. How many received financial brokerage?

- c. What outcome measures are used to assess whether those programs are successful?
- 11. Has the Department undertaken financial modelling of the broader fiscal impacts of youth homelessness (ages 18–25) on other government agencies?
 - a. Can a breakdown of those estimated costs by agency — including health, justice, housing and child protection — be provided?