

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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From: Member for Johnson

To: Minister for Prevention of Domestic Violence

Portfolio: Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

Agency: Department of Children and Families

Subject: Domestic Family and Sexual Violence (DFSV) crisis accommodation services

QUESTION:

What is the rate of unmet demand for DFSV crisis accommodation services? How many women and children are not able to be accommodated?

ANSWER:

Data to support reporting of unmet demand for DFSV crisis accommodation is still developing.

The Northern Territory (NT) Government is working with the sector to strengthen data capture and reporting capability to support improved accuracy and consistency in future reporting of unmet demand under the NT DFSV Reduction Strategy 2025-28.

From the data currently available, between 1 July to 31 December 2025, a total of 2,758 clients sought short-term accommodation assistance related to DFSV, through 47 non-government organisations funded to deliver DFSV or homelessness services.

Of these, 127 clients (4.6%) did not record any bed nights, indicating unmet demand for accommodation related to DFSV. Amongst this group, 62% were female and 29% were under the age of 18.

It is noted that the data above is just one indicator of unmet demand for DFSV crisis accommodation services, and that not every service interaction or presentation to crisis accommodation is recorded. As a result of these data limitations, the measure utilised could not be considered a holistic picture of all unmet demand for DFSV crisis accommodation in the NT.