

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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From: Member for Katherine

To: Minister Worden

Portfolio: Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence

Agency: Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Subject: Number of beds in each of the facilities for Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence victims

QUESTION:

Across the Northern Territory we have facilities in place for Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFS) victims. Can you tell me how many beds are in each of these 29 facilities across the Northern Territory, regardless of whether they are Territory or federal?

ANSWER:

Women's Safe House Bed Capacity is indicative only, therefore a breakdown of bed capacity by Safe House is not provided.

There are 30 Women's Safe Houses operating across the Northern Territory, with a new facility operated by the Salvation Army opening in Palmerston in April 2024.

Sleeping arrangements are subject to women and children's co-sleeping preferences or sleeping in the open secure spaces within the Safe House. For example, some safe houses have extra mattresses available if needed.

If there is an operational or safety need to keep groups separated, capacity may be less than the number of beds. For example, a room may contain 2 beds, but the room is unable to be shared.

Region	Number of Women's Safe Houses	Bed Capacity
Barkly	3	18
Big Rivers	7	58
Central Australia	4	52
East Arnhem	4	26
Greater Darwin	6	126
Top End	6	56
Grand Total	30	336