

## ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

### Question Taken on Notice

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**To:** Hon Joel Bowden

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#### QUESTION

Of the \$250m of federal funding that was given to Central Australia in March 2023, according to my records \$5.6m was allocated for housing. Where has that gone and what has it been used for? Has it gone to pay for town camp housing?

#### ANSWER:

#### CM&C ADVICE:

#### **\$5.6 million investment for emergency accommodation and safe spaces**

The \$5.6 million was part of the first package of funding (\$48.8 million) for *Community Safety in Alice Springs* announced on 24 January 2023 by the Hon Linda Burney MP, Commonwealth Minister for Indigenous Australians. On 3 September 2023, the Minister for Indigenous Australians and Ms Marion Scrymgour MP, Federal Member for Lingiari, announced further details of this \$5.6 million funding. The Minister's media release is available at <https://ministers.pmc.gov.au/burney/2023/more-support-women-and-children-experiencing-family-violence-central-australia>.

Agreements for these services have been executed by the National Indigenous Australians Agency with:

- The Aboriginal Hostels Limited, under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) 1.5 Remote Australia Strategies Program, for the Apmere Mwerre Visitor Park (AMVP) to add a further 20 crisis beds for First Nations people in Alice Springs and across Central Australia, including women and children experiencing domestic violence.
- Women's Safety Services of Central Australia (WoSSCA) under the IAS 1.3 Safety and Wellbeing Program, to expand the service's support for First Nations women in the Alice Springs region, including additional support for their children.
- Neither of these projects includes any funding for town camp housing.