

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention:

Housing Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI)

1. Please provide an update on the extension of the HASI in Darwin?

The Housing Accommodation Support Initiative, delivered by Anglicare NT, has been extended until 31 December 2022. An open tender process is underway to award a contract for a Housing Support Program, drawing from key HASI principles, for a period of five years.

2. How much was expended in the 2021/22 financial year on the delivery and extension of HASI?

\$900,000

3. Can you please provide an update on the HASI pilot program in Alice Springs?

A locally developed program for Alice Springs, named Living Well on Arrernte Country, was a program funded through a realignment of existing Mental Health Association of Central Australia's (MHACA) funding.

MHACA achieved budget efficiencies which has enabled this program to continue ongoing. This component of their outreach service is commissioned through to 30 June 2027.

4. How many people have been supported through HASI in Darwin and in Alice Springs in the 2021/22 financial year?

Alice Springs – 7 (highly complex mental health clients requiring very high intensity supports).

Darwin – 69 with 39 participants cases closed during this reporting period (supports people requiring low, medium and high intensity supports).