

Question on Notice

No. 1235

Asked on Friday, 28 October 2022

MS A CAMM ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the number of crisis beds for women and children (reported separately by region and year) for the last five years?

ANSWER:

The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (DCHDE) supports women and children who need immediate assistance, with access to safe and secure housing with appropriate supports, including the provision of crisis accommodation and brokerage assistance. Once safe, Housing Service Centres work with women and families to help meet their longer term housing needs which may include social housing assistance or support to access, secure and sustain private rental accommodation through a suite of products and services (for example, Bond Loans and Rental Grants).

The department does not hold information of all the numbers of available crisis support for women and children as there are many organisations providing such support, including those not funded by DCHDE. Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) funding is provided for 'places' and not beds. Depending on the service being provided, a place may be a house, apartment, bedroom, or bed. Therefore, the number of crisis beds specifically for women and children cannot be provided in full.