

Question on Notice

No. 152

Asked on Tuesday, 12 March 2025

(HON S FENTIMAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH (HON S O'CONNOR)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the emergency response to ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred—

Will the Minister advise (a) if any individuals were turned away from emergency housing and (b) if so, how many, and why?

ANSWER:

Recovery efforts from ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred are continuing.

As at 11 April 2025, a total of 444 Emergency Housing Assistance Response (EHAR) requests had been received by the department from members of the community requiring assistance in response to ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred. 402 of these have been finalised with 42 households currently being supported by the department to determine their long-term housing outcome. Of the 444 EHAR requests, 170 required temporary accommodation equating to 278 people.

During ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred, every individual who was willing to engage with the department was either referred to state-funded Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) for support and temporary accommodation or offered temporary accommodation through the department.

People may choose not to accept an offer of temporary accommodation due to a variety of reasons including wanting to remain in their current living arrangement, location preferences or other complexities they are dealing with.