

Question on Notice

No. 188

Asked on Thursday, 13 March 2025

(MR C WHITING ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH (HON S O’CONNOR)—

QUESTION:

With reference to many people experiencing or at risk of homelessness relying on the Immediate Housing Response initiative to secure emergency accommodation—

Will the Minister commit to continuing to provide funding for this initiative at current levels and rule out the funding being reduced or cut in any way?

ANSWER:

Despite growing demand, key housing and homelessness programs – including the Immediate Housing Response initiative, have been previously underfunded leaving frontline services without funding certainty.

In response to current demand from the housing crisis we inherited, the Crisafulli Government has provided additional expenditure beyond what was inadequately budgeted to continue the delivery of crisis accommodation programs. This includes the Immediate Housing Response delivered through our Specialist Homelessness Services as well as Refuge Accommodation Assistance delivered directly through the Department of Housing and Public Works.