

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 228**

**Asked on Friday, 14 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 the emergency response to ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred—

Will the Minister advise if a time limit or cap was put in place for how long individuals can remain in emergency or temporary accommodation before being asked to leave, once the immediate weather threat passed?

### **ANSWER:**

Local governments are primarily responsible for responding to disasters in their area, including the establishment and management of evacuation centres and places of refuge.

Following the closure of evacuation centres, in line with the Queensland Disaster Guidelines, the Department of Housing and Public Works has responsibility for the provision of temporary accommodation solutions and services for impacted community members where local options have been exhausted.

Depending on the scale and volume of households displaced as a result of a disaster, the department may utilise emergency short term housing options such as hotels to provide people with safe and secure housing, while working actively with customers, local services and other government agencies to assist people to transition back to their homes or into longer-term housing solutions.

Every household in temporary accommodation will have ongoing pathway planning conversations to determine their long-term housing needs and exit options.