

HOMELESSNESS — BEDS AND SPECIALIST SERVICES

742. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Housing:

I refer to homelessness services in Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) How many additional beds and specialist services were created in:
  - (i) the Perth metropolitan area in 2022;
  - (ii) the Perth metropolitan area in 2023 to date;
  - (iii) across the rest of the state in 2022; and
  - (iv) across the rest of the state in 2023 to date;
- (b) Where are the beds and services identified in (a) located;
- (c) How many beds and specialist services were closed in:
  - (i) the Perth metropolitan area in 2022;
  - (ii) the Perth metropolitan area in 2023 to date;
  - (iii) the rest of the state in 2022; and
  - (iv) the rest of the state in 2023 to date; and
- (d) Where are the beds and services identified in (c) located?

**Mr J.N. Carey replied:**

- (a)–(b) State Government investment into homelessness accommodation and services providers has provided additional capacity to accommodate up to 155 people since 2021 across the Perth metropolitan area.

Additionally, the State Government has invested in a landmark partnership with Housing Choices WA to provide wrap around supports for 100 social homes for rough sleepers through a supportive landlord model. Due to the initial success of this model, through the 2023–24 State Budget, funding has been delivered to extend the supportive landlord model program into regional Western Australia.

The State Government also funds 43 services to provide crisis accommodation for women escaping family and domestic violence which is one of the leading causes of homelessness for women.

The State Government has also provided funding for an additional 23 FDV crisis accommodation rooms including 6 in Kalgoorlie, 6 in Derby, 5 in Mandurah and 6 in the East metropolitan area that are due to open in 2023. The State Government has also committed funding for accommodation for up to 20 young women and mothers who may be experiencing family or domestic violence.

Additionally, as part of homelessness service agreements, discretionary brokerage funding is provided to service providers that includes the provision of crisis accommodation where needed.

<b>Funded Services and additional beds since 2020</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Brokerage Funding</b> Provided in contracts to service providers for discretionary use, including crisis accommodation.	<b>All regions</b>
<b>Housing First Support Service – Bunbury</b> Funding to Anglicare to deliver localised and essential supports to help people experiencing in partnership with Doors Wide Open and Breakaway Inc.	<b>Bunbury</b>
<b>Housing First System Coordinator (now WAAEH – BNL)</b> Service to strengthen coordination and work to improve data collection and encourage collaborations.	<b>State-wide</b>
<b>Housing First Support Service – Mandurah/Rockingham</b> Funding to St Patrick’s Community Support Centre to deliver services for rough sleepers to transition long-term accommodation with wraparound supports.	<b>Mandurah Rockingham</b>
<b>Housing First Support Service – Perth Metro</b> Funding to Ruah Community Services, in partnership with St Patrick’s Community Support Centre and Wungening Aboriginal Corporation, to deliver culturally safe	<b>Perth metro</b>

services to support vulnerable rough sleepers into long-term accommodation with wraparound supports.	
<b>Housing First Support Service – Geraldton</b> Funding to Centrecare to deliver services for rough sleepers to transition long-term accommodation with wraparound supports.	<b>Geraldton</b>
<b>HEART</b> Homeless Engagement, Assessment and Response Team to provide rapid, flexible outreach and intensive support primarily for people who are chronic rough sleepers.	<b>Metro-wide</b>
<b>Safe Perth City Initiative</b> The Safe Perth City Initiative provided a suite of new measures, including dedicated outreach and better homelessness coordination.	<b>Perth</b>
<b>Youth Futures</b> Funding to Youth Futures Ltd to deliver a new “Teenagers in Need of Crisis Accommodation” facility in the Perth northern suburbs with a capacity to accommodate up to 8 young people.	<b>Perth</b>
<b>Koort Boodja</b> Funding to Uniting WA to establish Koort Boodja a standalone wrap-around supported accommodation service for up to 24 clients.	<b>Perth</b>
<b>Boorloo Bidee Mia</b> Funding provided to Wungening Aboriginal Corporation and Noongar Mia Mia for supported accommodation for up to 70 persons.	<b>Perth</b>
<b>St Bart’s Future Homes and Brown Street Homelessness Accommodation facilities</b> The State Government is providing funding for additional accommodation for up to 18 individuals	<b>Perth</b>
<b>Murray Hotel</b> The State Government acquired the facility to deliver supported accommodation for people sleeping rough in the Perth CBD. The new service will accommodate for up to 35 individuals and couples, as part of a Housing First supported accommodation model.	<b>Perth</b>
<b>Funding to expand the Kwinana Women’s Refuge and Peel refuge</b> (doubling their capacity from the original plan of 6 rooms each to 12 rooms each).	<b>Perth metro / Peel region</b>
<b>Funded the establishment of One Stop Hubs in Mirrabooka and Kalgoorlie</b>	<b>Perth metro, Goldfields</b>
<b>Munda Mia</b> Funding over 2 years has been provided to Cyrenian for crisis accommodation for up to 20 young women and young mothers at risk for a range of reasons, including, but not limited to family and domestic violence.	<b>Perth metro</b>
<b>Funding to extend the Safer Pathways program to Mirrabooka and Midland.</b> The Safer Pathways Program helps victim-survivors stay in their homes, where family and domestic violence is the primary cause of tenancy issues	<b>Perth metro</b>
<b>Expanded the Safe at Home program</b> supporting an additional 150 women and their children each year.	<b>Perth metro, South West, Wheatbelt</b>
<b>Funding allocated to Zonta to implement a rapid rehousing pilot</b> Help women and children to leave refuges by helping them secure private rentals	<b>Perth metro</b>
<b>Funding to establish the Armadale one stop hub.</b>	<b>Perth metro</b>

<b>Funding allocated establish and operate the Broome One Stop Hub</b>	<b>West Kimberley</b>
<b>Funding allocated for a Rapid Rehousing for Aboriginal women and children.</b>	<b>Perth metro</b>
<b>Funding allocated for a youth counselling service in Northam and Rockingham</b>	<b>Wheatbelt, Perth Metro</b>
<b>Funding towards new East Metro Refuge</b> Under construction new refuge to be opened by end 2023.	<b>Perth metro</b>

- (c) No funded services or beds have been closed.
- (d) N/A