

I would like to see the committee consider if funding in homelessness services is skewed by gender. It seems on the front line of homelessness services that female services attract more funding than ones that service men. For example, an emergency shelter at Rod Evans Centre was opened in 2021 to service women with a 2 year funding program for a capacity of 30 women per night, yet an equivalent male program at Citiplace was funded for 2 months only with a smaller capacity of just 15 people per night and is now closed without replacement.

Currently on the 'By Name List' of homeless people in Perth there are more men in all categories experiencing homelessness than women, including those that are chronically homeless for over a 6 month period, and those that are rough sleeping on the streets. And we must consider that the counting of women is easier for the 'By Name List' because those using the female service are more visible, when men are more hidden on account of having less services available to present at, in which they are counted. There will be more male hidden homelessness in Perth, than women.