



## Minister for Housing; Racing and Gaming

Our Ref: 54-03553

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr O'Brien

Thank you for your letter seeking information regarding Petition No 105, Esperance Hospital Support Services.

The Housing Authority sought advice from both the Mental Health Commission and Esperance Crisis Accommodation Service Incorporated with respect to your enquiry.

The Esperance Crisis Accommodation Service is the only community housing organisation, contracted through the Housing Authority, that provides crisis accommodation in Esperance. It currently manages two refuges in Esperance on behalf of the Housing Authority, although neither of these facilities is dedicated to people exiting detoxification rehabilitation centres.

Two transitional houses have been procured in Kalgoorlie under the Transitional Housing and Support Program, which provides in-reach community support for people in short-term accommodation, following residential alcohol and other drug treatment.

The Mental Health Commission has advised that, while it does not have any immediate plans or funding for Transitional Housing and Support Program properties in Esperance, the Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan 2015-2025, does recognise a need for more post residential support.

Yours sincerely



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