

VCOSS responses to questions on notice

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Question: Since the coronavirus pandemic, how many more Victorians do you know are homeless or waiting for public housing now? What is the incremental increase on the 100 000 Victorians waiting for public housing?

Answer: VCOSS only has access to publicly available data. The most recent publicly available report is from March 2020 so does not reflect additional demand as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is best placed to provide up-to-date information on new applications to the Social Housing Register.

Question: It is so close—because we would have liked to have been able to share them with you today. We are very happy to share those as soon as they become available.

Answer: We have not yet received the final results of the food relief survey. DHHS collected the survey data and are collating results. We will provide the Committee a full copy of the results when we receive it.