

## Response to question on notice

### Questions on Notice Paper No 16

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### Question No. 933

**MR SHANE RATTENBURY MLA:** To ask the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

1. In relation to the ACT Supreme Court decision of 30 January 2026 in the matter of Hubzin v The Commissioner for Social Housing; Van Loo v The Commissioner for Social Housing; Irwin The Commissioner for Social Housing [2026] ACTSC 11, where Chief Justice McCallum held that the human rights of three women who were public housing tenants had been breached by ACT Housing,
  - a. what advice has been provided to ACT Housing employees about this decision and
  - b. if there will be changes to how ACT Housing upholds the human rights of tenants, what will those changes be; if not, why not?

**MS YVETTE BERRY MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1.
  - a. Staff have been made aware of the judgement, with the decision being published publicly. Individuals that were directly impacted by the proceedings, such as those identified, have been informed of the judgment, and the Employee Assistance Program has been made available for support if needed.
  - b. The ACT Government takes its responsibilities as a leading human rights jurisdiction very seriously. The government remains committed to ensuring government decision-making reflects the values and protections embedded in the *Human Rights Act* and these principles guide our work across all portfolios.

In the second half of 2023, the government undertook significant work to strengthen the human rights focus of the Growing and Renewing Public Housing Program (the Program). This work was aimed at ensuring decisions made under the program place the rights, needs, and individual circumstances of tenants at the centre of all considerations.

As part of this work, the government initiated a comprehensive re-evaluation of the Program's decision-making processes. This review led to a decision to cease mandatory relocations under the Program, ensuring future decisions are grounded in a more collaborative, transparent, and rights-respecting approach to supporting public housing tenants.

Learning from the Supreme Court decision will help shape future policies and programs.

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