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Ms Kristie Johnston
Member for Clark

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Dear Ms Johnston

In Parliament on 14 April 2026, you asked the following question of me as Minister for Housing and Planning -

My question is from Uncle Roy Maynard.

Uncle Roy is 80 years of age and a respected Aboriginal elder. He's been experiencing homelessness for some time. He's on the social housing register, but while he's waiting, Housing Connect puts him up for a few days to a week in caravan parks or motels. When there is no more brokerage funding, he and his partner are forced to sleep in their car. This is highly unstable and deeply distressing. Both Roy and his partner are diabetic and Roy has a heart condition. Recently, his partner has been recovering from a broken foot. Do you think it's appropriate for someone of Roy's age and condition be forced to live so precariously, and will you commit to providing him and his partner a more stable solution while they wait for a permanent home to become available.

Thank you for your question regarding housing support for your constituent.

Due to the confidential and sensitive nature of these circumstances, I have written to you directly to address these matters. My office will continue to keep you informed as we receive updates.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Housing and Planning