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Ms Jen Butler MP
Labor Member for Lyons

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Dear ~~Ms~~ Jen Butler

In the House on 28 October 2026 you asked the following question -

My question is on behalf of Robin of Railton. Following brain tumour surgery and a subsequent long recovery, Robin lost her housing and has spent the past two and a half years sleeping in her car, a tent or wherever she can find somewhere safe for herself and her dog for the night. Robin lives with epilepsy and if she suffers another seizure and loses her licence, she will not only lose her transport, but effectively the roof over her head. When I raised Robyn's case with the Minister, the response was that she should continue to engage with homelessness and housing services. Minister, Robyn wants to know, if two and a half years of waiting isn't long enough, what message does that send to vulnerable Tasmanians who are doing everything they are asked to do and still have nowhere to call home? Is your system broken?

As you are aware, Homes Tasmania assesses social housing applications based on individual circumstances and housing need, with priority assistance provided to applicants assessed as having the most urgent and complex needs.

Whilst it would not be appropriate to comment on, or disclose, the personal circumstances of an individual in a Parliamentary forum, I can advise, Homes Tasmania considers each application on its merits and allocates available housing in accordance with assessed need and established allocation policies.

Applicants are encouraged to ensure Homes Tasmania is advised of any changes in their circumstances so their housing needs can be appropriately reviewed and assessed.

Please encourage your constituent to contact Housing Connect to explore short term accommodation options until she receives an offer of social housing.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Housing and Planning