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Ms Anita Dow MP  
Labor Member for Braddon

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Dear Ms Dow

In Parliament on 7 May 2026 you asked the following question:

***My constituent question is from my constituent in Ulverstone. The north west and west coasts have the highest incidence of family violence in the state and the least in crisis accommodation. Minister, will there be funding in the upcoming State Budget for the North West Womens' Shelter family crisis accommodation proposal which is currently being considered by Homes Tasmania? If not, why not?***

The Tasmanian Government acknowledges the importance of addressing the increasing demand for crisis accommodation in the North West and West Coast regions, recognising they experience the highest levels of family and domestic violence in the state. Thank you for your ongoing interest in the proposed project and your commitment to achieving the best possible outcomes for families in need within these regions.

As mentioned in my previous correspondence dated 13 April 2026, I am unable to comment on details of the 2026-27 State Budget until it is handed down on 21 May 2026. As also noted, the Expression of Interest for funding through the National Housing Infrastructure Facility Crisis and Transitional Housing program remains active, though no timeframe has yet been provided for its consideration by Housing Australia.

Homes Tasmania continues to work closely with the Chief Executive Officer of North West Tasmanian Women's Shelter, Sophie Hunt, on opportunities to progress their project, including consideration of alternative sites to support delivery of a trauma-informed, culturally safe and contemporary service model.

Thank you for your continued advocacy for services supporting victims of family violence. I look forward to sharing updates as work on this project progresses.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC  
Minister for Housing and Planning