

Questions taken on notice and further information agreed to be supplied at the hearings

Portfolio:	Prevention of Family Violence
Witness:	Minister Williams
Committee member:	Mr Hibbins – asked the question
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1. Of the 160 new homes to be built in 2019-20 under the Building new homes to fight homelessness initiative, how many will be for victims of family violence?

Answer

The Building New Homes to Fight Homelessness initiative will invest \$209 million to build an additional 1,000 public housing properties over three years. In total, 200 (20 per cent) of these properties have been targeted for victims of family violence. Of the first 160 new homes, three will be built specifically for victims of family violence. This initial small number is due to the availability of suitable vacant land in the required demand areas stipulated by Family Safety Victoria. However, the full target of 200 homes will be delivered within the complete period and scope of the project. This initiative is just one of a range which is providing more housing and support to women and children fleeing family violence.

The Victorian Government has provided \$71.48 million to build new or to redevelop existing family violence refuges into the core and cluster model. To date, 14 of the 19 sites have been secured across Victoria. The first refuge opened in June 2019; the entire project is expected to be completed by the end of 2020. Once completed, this will increase the number of households accommodated in refuge by approximately 50 per cent, growing from around 105 to around 160 households.