

## Response to Question on notice

### Inquiry into Homelessness in Victoria

Hearing via Zoom: 13 July 2020

1. **Page 11: Dr KIEU:** *People have left their family or their accommodation because of sexual violence and family domestic violence and have found now that temporary housing may not be suitable for themselves or maybe for their children for whatever the reason. What are the rates of those people returning to the situation that they had to flee before and continuing to be subject to the violence or the assaults that they had experienced prior?*

**Staff report 70% of the victim survivors who are unable to access accommodation return to the violent relationship**

2. **Page 12: Mr BARTON:** *In relation to attempts to have women and their children stay in the house and deal with the perpetrator, do you have any information about how successful or not successful they has been? Do you know what percentage of these cases have positive outcomes?*

**Anecdotally 40% of victim survivors have positive outcomes from remaining in the family home or safe at home responses over the longer term -12 months. Staff report that probably upwards of 60% of clients return to their property and within 6 -12 months some may have reconciled with the abusive partner and he is has returned to the home. Others after returning to their home may decide it is not safe due to the constant stalking and harassment of their abusive partner or the home re traumatises them or their children.**

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