

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

**Topic:** Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Safe Places Emergency Accommodation Program

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**Senator:** Rachel Siewert

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**Question:**

Applications for the Safe Places Emergency Accommodation Program grants closed in February 2020. Can you provide any information about the status of grants? When can applicants expect to hear whether they've been successful?

**Answer:**

On 28 September 2020 the Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator the Hon Anne Ruston, and Assistant Minister for Community Housing, Homelessness and Community Services the Hon Luke Howarth MP, announced 40 projects would be funded under the Safe Places initiative, supporting about 6000 women and children each year.