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Dear Ms Rogerson,

**Inquiry on Social, Public and Affordable Housing — Question on notice,  
supplementary question and transcript**

Thank you for your email of 20 March 2014 regarding the participation of Peter McNamara, Katie Florance and myself, on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW (the 'Society'), in a hearing of the Inquiry on Social, Public and Affordable Housing on March 13.

Our responses to the supplementary question, question on notice and the uncorrected transcript are as follows.

**1. Supplementary question**

The NSW Government did not consult the Society regarding the development of the Social Housing Policy.

**2. Question on notice**

We suggest that a proposed Community Housing Advisory Committee be composed of 10 members appointed by the Minister for Family and Community Services, who are:

- Representatives of the NSW Federation of Housing Associations, the Aboriginal Housing Office, Churches Housing and Homelessness NSW; or
- Persons with expertise on the following areas:
  - Policy expertise in social housing, affordable housing, tenant/community engagement, homelessness or urban regeneration;
  - Service delivery expertise in general housing, social and/or affordable housing, or supported/crisis accommodation; or

- Technical expertise in related areas such as property development, housing finance or asset management.

We also suggest that:

- Ex officio members include the Minister's Housing Advisor and the Executive Director of the Community and Private Market Housing Directorate (Housing NSW, Department of Family and Community Services);
- The Minister appoints a chairperson of the committee; and
- The committee meets a least four times per year.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in a hearing of the inquiry, and we look forward to reading the Committee's report.

Yours sincerely,

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