Occupational Therapy and Housing
.... More than just modifications

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- 71,690 Total Social Housing Rental Units
  - 53,762 Government owned and managed
  - 7,933 Government owned and non-government managed

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Department of Housing and Public Works

- 53,762 tenancies are managed by 17 Housing Service Centres across the state

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Functions of the Housing Service Centres
History of Provision of Housing for Clients with a Disability

- Prior to 1998 new accessible housing built in response to individual need.

- From 1998 identified the need to incorporate designs with adaptable features into all new construction.

- From 2013 design standards for new construction fully aligned with the Liveable Housing Design Guidelines for Gold and Platinum Level.
History of occupational therapist within the Department of Housing and Public Works

• Unique Role within Australia

• Each Housing Service Centre, employs at least one Occupational Therapist.

Total 26 FTE Occupational Therapists and 3 FTE Senior Occupational Therapists.
Unique skills that Occupational Therapists bring to working within Housing Services:

- Professional OT knowledge
  - Holistic approach
  - Functional assessment
  - Client centred practice
Unique skills that Occupational Therapists bring to working within Housing Services:

- Build up knowledge of portfolio
- Understanding of departmental policy and direction
- Linkages within and outside of the department
Occupational therapy services – integrated into Housing Service Delivery

- At the time of application
- Allocations management
- Tenancy management
Occupational therapy services – integrated into Housing Service Delivery

- Home modifications
From Mods to Moving:

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From Moving to Mods:

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From Mods to **NOT** Moving:

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Thank You!

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?