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Wayne FARNHAM: I had a situation where I had a lady that only got funded for two or three nights, and then child protection services were saying, 'Well, if you can't find somewhere, we're going to take your kids away.' Thankfully through Quantum we found her accommodation, but that was in Rosebud. It was the only option we had to get this woman into a home. Is this a typical scenario in Gippsland at the moment? Just going by the figures you have given us on waitlists in Gippsland, it is literally the whole big build of 13,000 properties we are short in Gippsland. Is this typical in Gippsland – and those figures, the percentages, the waitlists?

Chris McNAMARA: I could not say that 23 months is the average – I do not know that – but I can provide that, find that for you, in terms of people escaping family violence being housed in social housing.

I was not able to locate any information about a state average of 23 months for women escaping family violence to be accommodated in social housing. To check this further, I would need to know the source of Wayne Franham's information.