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Short term or emergency accommodation

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Glossary Item

Synonymous names: Short term; accommodation

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Registration status: Housing assistance, Standard 23/08/2010

Definition: Short term or emergency accommodation may include:

· Refuges.

· Crisis shelter.

· Couch surfing.

• Living temporarily with friends and relatives.

• Insecure accommodation on a short term basis.

 Emergency accommodation arranged in hotels, motels etc by a specialist homelessness agency

homelessness agency.

Context: The following short-term accommodation options are not considered to be

homeless:

 Hotels, motels, caravan parks and other temporary accommodation used when a person is on holiday or travelling.

• Temporary custodial and care arrangements, such as prisons and hospitals.

• Temporary accommodation utilised by a person while renovating usual residence or building a new residence eg weekenders, caravans.