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# Webquest

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3. According to the website, there is not enough \_\_\_\_\_ to meet demand.
4. What is housing stress?
5. Australia has a shortfall of how many rental properties?
6. How many households are on the waiting list for social housing?
7. What is CRA?
8. What are the key recommendations the St Vincent de Paul Society have made to the Federal Government regarding homelessness?
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# Teacher Guide – Webquest

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## 1. On any given night, how many people in Australia are homeless?

On any given night, 116000 people are homeless.

## 2. What are some different examples of homelessness?

Some different examples of homelessness include: Sleeping on the streets, Moving between temporary situations, Living in crowded or unsafe dwellings.

## 3. According to the website, there is not enough **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** to meet demand.

## 4. What is housing stress?

Housing stress means paying more than 30% of your income on your housing.

## 5. Australia has a shortfall of how many rental properties?

Australia has a shortfall of over 500,000 rental dwellings which are both affordable and available to the lowest income households.

## 6. How many households are on the waiting list for social housing?

There are over 200,000 households on the waiting list for social housing.

## 7. What is CRA?

CRA stands for Commonwealth Rent Assistance, which is designed to alleviate poverty in the private rental sector. However, Vinnies deems this to be inadequate to support many people experiencing homelessness.

## 8. What are the key recommendations the St Vincent de Paul Society have made to the Federal Government regarding homelessness?

The St Vincent de Paul Society had made the following recommendations:

- The establishment of a \$10 billion Social and Affordable Housing Fund.
- The preparation of a National Housing Plan.
- The recognition of the human right to housing.
- Setting new targets to halve homelessness and the housing shortfall by 2025.

## 9. How can you get involved to help combat homelessness?

You can get involved by: Supporting the annual Vinnies CEO Sleepout, Volunteering your time, Advocating to government, Learning more about the issue.

## VOCABULARY – FIND DEFINITIONS

**Discriminate** – make an unjust or prejudicial distinction in the treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, sex, or age.

**Prolonged** – continuing for a long time or longer than usual; lengthy.

**Interspersed** – having something in several places among something else.

**Alleviate** – make (suffering, deficiency, or a problem) less severe.

**Reform** – make changes in something (especially an institution or practice) in order to improve it.