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**SUBJECT**

**Auditor General Report on Chronic Homelessness – CMHC’s Role**

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**ISSUE**

What is CMHC’s role with tackling homelessness?

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**RESPONSE**

- **The Government of Canada welcomes the report, and agrees with the findings and recommendations.**
- **Homelessness is a complex issue, and we will continue to work with partners and communities to prevent and reduce homelessness; move toward the goal of reducing chronic homelessness by 50% by 2027-28; and ultimately eliminate chronic homelessness.**
- **While COVID-19 impacted communities’ ability to collect and report program data, we have committed to improve timeliness of data collection, analysis, and the reporting process related to program outcomes.**

***Role of CMHC***

- **CMHC has the overall lead for the NHS. The gap identified in the report only relates to the accountability on the achievement of the chronic homelessness target.**
- **Addressing chronic homelessness is a multifaceted issue requiring a broad spectrum of support across all levels of Government and partners.**
- **While federal efforts are only one component of addressing homelessness, CMHC and Infrastructure Canada recognize that preventing and reducing homelessness, including chronic homelessness requires clear accountability, alignment of federal initiatives and cross-jurisdictional support and efforts. This is why CMHC and Infrastructure Canada will work with central agencies to clarify accountability of the chronic homelessness NHS target.**