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Fewer people in emergency housing

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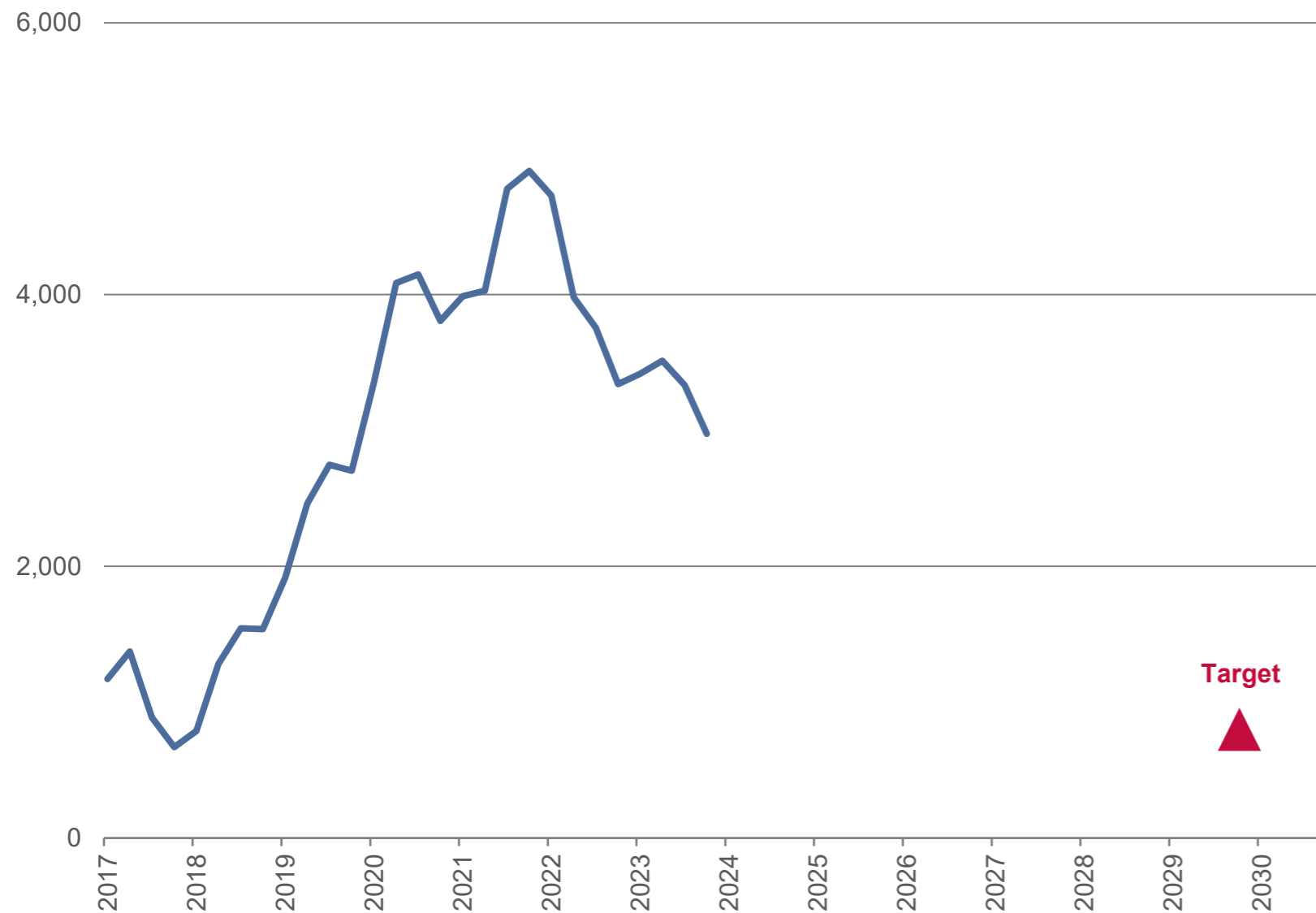
Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Secretary for Housing and Urban Development, Andrew Crisp

Ministry of Social Development, Secretary for Social Development, Debbie Power

WHAT IS THE TARGET?

Seventy five per cent fewer households in emergency housing.

Households in emergency housing at the end of each month



WHY IS IT NEEDED AND WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT?

We want to **end the large-scale and long-term use of motels for emergency housing for people in urgent housing need.**

Too many families and children are in emergency housing and they're there for long periods of time.

In December 2023, 3,100 households and 3,186 children were in emergency housing. Fifty eight per cent of these households were in emergency housing for over 12 weeks. In December 2017, around 670 households were in emergency housing.

Stable, secure housing reduces the long-term social and financial cost on people (and especially children) from living in emergency housing for long periods. It improves outcomes for health, education, employment and the wider community.

Delivering this **Target will return emergency housing to its original intent – as a last resort used for short periods.**

HOW WILL WE KEEP TRACK?

We will monitor the number of households in emergency housing to ensure the time people are in emergency housing is decreasing and overall numbers are reducing. In the short term, we will monitor families with children in emergency housing for over 12 weeks.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

For more information go to the Ministry of Social Development's website: www.msd.govt.nz or Housing and Urban Development's website: www.hud.govt.nz

For information on the Government Targets go to www.dpmc.govt.nz