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Manitoba Government’s housing strategy misses the mark.

On January 17, the Department of Families released its 12-page “Shared Priorities, Sustainable Progress” 12-month strategy.

While Manitoba Right to Housing Coalition was pleased to see ‘housing’ included in its list of 10 priority areas, the coalition is deeply concerned with the direction the government plans to take.

The report is short on details, but its intentions are clear – the Manitoba government is intent on getting out of the business of housing low-income families.

“With some 7000 names on the Manitoba Housing waitlist, it’s not clear how the situation will improve when the government has no intention of increasing the housing supply” says R2H member Shauna MacKinnon.

“We’re completely baffled” says MacKinnon. “R2H members have a long history of working on the frontlines with vulnerable Manitobans, and the Strategy’s identifying the devolution of housing management and selling assets as a “priority” is certainly not one that we share. Quite the opposite, we need the provincial government to increase the number of social housing units”.

R2H has a meeting scheduled with the Minister of Families on March 3, 2020 to discuss the housing priorities of those who are housing insecure.

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