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Emergency management functions of the Department of Communities Tasmania

In February 2022, the Premier announced the Department of Communities Tasmania would be abolished. From 1 December 2022, the Department ceased to exist, and all functions have moved to other areas of the Tasmanian State Service.

The emergency management functions of the Department of Communities Tasmania, as reflected in the *Tasmanian Emergency Management Arrangements* Issue 1, have been moved to other agencies as shown in the table below.

Section of TEMA Issue 1	Functions of the Department of Communities Tasmania in TEMA Issue 1	Movement of functions after closure of Department of Communities Tasmania
6.14.9—Financial assistance	Consulted on emergency financial assistance measures	Department of Premier and Cabinet
Table 11—Support Agencies by functional and consequence responsibilities	Support recovery funding programs	This function will now be undertaken by the Department of Premier and Cabinet
Table 24—Evacuation roles and responsibilities	Evacuation centre management	Municipal councils will remain the primary lead for evacuation centre management and will continue to be supported by contractors, volunteers and state government agencies where required.
Table 26—Recovery Functional Responsibilities	Broker emergency accommodation	This function will now be undertaken by the Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Care for children	This function will now be undertaken by the Department for Education, Children and Young People
	Financial assistance for personal hardship and distress	This function will now be undertaken by the Department of Premier and Cabinet

The *Tasmanian Emergency Management Arrangements* are currently under review and will be re-issued in early 2023.