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Agenda Item 8: Future Funding Arrangements

- Minister Collins thanked the states for providing a joint letter to the Commonwealth which discussed the development of a funding agreement.
- Minister Collins acknowledged the tasking from National Cabinet to create an outcomes focused funding agreement, underpinned by a robust performance monitoring framework, with funding linked to achieving agreed outcomes. She noted the termination of the existing National Housing and Homelessness Agreement and suggested the new

agreement be built from the ground up to show transparency in funding and what improvements are occurring.

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Meeting closed.

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Dear Senior Officials,

Thank you for your contributions and support in the development of an outcomes framework. Minister Collins has now written to your Minister providing them with an in-principle offer - consisting of the shell of an agreement as well as a funding quantum for their consideration.

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Kind regards

Troy

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DSS acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community.
We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to elders both past and present.

NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

An agreement between:

- the Commonwealth of Australia; and
- the States and Territories of
 - ◆ New South Wales
 - ◆ Victoria
 - ◆ Queensland
 - ◆ Western Australia
 - ◆ South Australia
 - ◆ Tasmania
 - ◆ the Australian Capital Territory, and
 - ◆ the Northern Territory.

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National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness

OVERVIEW

1. The National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness (the Agreement) is created subject to the provisions of the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009* (Cth) (the FFR Act) and the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations (IGA FFR). It should be read in conjunction with the FFR Act, the IGA FFR and its Schedules, which provide information in relation to conditions for the States and Territories' (the States) receipt of Commonwealth financial assistance, monitoring and reporting, and payment arrangements.

Purpose

2. This Agreement will help people who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness and support the effective operation of Australia's social housing and homelessness services sectors.
3. In entering this Agreement, the Commonwealth and the States acknowledge they have a mutual interest in preventing homelessness and improving social housing, with particular regard to those experiencing disproportionate housing inequality and disadvantage.
4. This Agreement forms part of, and complements, a broader set of Commonwealth and State housing initiatives and joint Agreements.
5. This Agreement reinforces the Commonwealth and States' collective commitment to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, including the Priority Reforms.
6. The Parties acknowledge that there are a range of factors outside the scope of this Agreement that impact the need for social housing and homelessness services.

Reporting Arrangements

7. This Agreement aims to improve transparency, data and reporting. The States will deliver a number of outputs, as set out in Part 2 – Objective, Principles and Outputs. These include annual reporting against the National Outcomes Framework and Statements of Assurance, as set out in Part 4 – Monitoring and Reporting.

Financial Arrangements

8. As set out in Part 5 – Financial Arrangements, in 2024-25, the Commonwealth will provide an estimated financial contribution to the States of \$1,779.0 million (GST exclusive) in respect of this Agreement, and the Commonwealth's financial contribution will be indexed annually.

PRELIMINARIES

9. This Agreement is a primary housing agreement for the purposes of Section 15C of the FFR Act. Bilateral schedules are supplementary housing agreements for the purposes of Section 15C of the FFR Act.
10. This Agreement is intended to provide financial assistance to support the delivery of social housing and homelessness services, and projects, the impact of which is to be monitored in line with the outcomes of this Agreement, as set out in the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A).
 - (a) This Agreement continues the long history of cooperation between the Commonwealth and States to improve housing outcomes dating back to 1945. These joint efforts have generally been directed to those most in need through social housing and homelessness services, and recognise the significant economic and social benefits of secure housing.

PART 1 – FORMALITIES

Parties to this Agreement

11. This Agreement is between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) and the States and Territories (the States).

Term of the Agreement

12. This Agreement will commence on 1 July 2024, or when the Commonwealth and one other Party sign it, whichever is later. This Agreement may be reviewed, varied or terminated as set out in Part 3 – Governance Arrangements.
13. The Parties' ongoing commitment to funding social housing and homelessness services is not limited by the term of this Agreement.
14. Any bilateral schedules will commence once the Commonwealth and the relevant Party sign them.
15. Unless terminated earlier as agreed in writing by the relevant Parties, bilateral schedules will expire no later than 30 June 2029.

PART 2 – OBJECTIVE, PRINCIPLES AND OUTPUTS

Objective

16. The overarching objective of this Agreement is to help people who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness and support the effective operation of Australia's social housing and homelessness services sectors.

Principles

17. In implementing the Agreement, the Parties agree to uphold a joint stewardship model where:
 - (a) transparency and accountability of public spending is to the Australian people
 - (b) data and evidence are shared to help drive reflection, continuous improvement and lessons that can be applied around the country
 - (c) there is sufficient flexibility for governments to deliver services that best meet the needs of communities and respond to emerging challenges and opportunities
 - (d) government investments and actions are, where appropriate and possible, coordinated to maximise impact and address acute housing needs.

Outputs

18. Consistent with Section 15C of the FFR Act, each State will deliver the following outputs to be eligible for financial assistance under this Agreement:
 - (a) A publicly available housing and homelessness strategy that:
 - i. details State homelessness and social housing priority policy areas
 - ii. sets out reforms and initiatives that will contribute to reducing homelessness
 - iii. includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as a national priority homelessness cohort (see subsection 15C(6) of the FFR Act)
 - iv. addresses any other target groups with disproportionate disadvantage that states have identified in their bilateral schedules
 - v. indicates the level of housing supply needed to respond to projected housing demand, and outlines the reforms and initiatives that will contribute to meeting this need, as required by subsection 15C(5)(a)(i) of the FFR Act
 - vi. is available on a publicly accessible website for the whole of the financial year, but for any period where it is not reasonably practicable that the strategy is available.
 - (b) Annual reporting against the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A) and Statement of Assurance (Schedule B) to the relevant Commonwealth Minister (or a relevant Commonwealth official) in the manner set out in Part 4 – Monitoring and Reporting.
 - (c) Homelessness and social housing related data and data improvements, as set out in Schedules C and D.

19. For the purposes of sub-clause 18(a) and for the avoidance of doubt:
 - (a) it is immaterial whether State housing and homelessness strategies are contained in a single document or multiple documents
 - (b) the Commonwealth's financial contribution to the State will not be reduced because the reforms and initiatives set out in the State's housing or homelessness strategies do not achieve their stated or intended aim
 - (c) the Commonwealth's financial contribution to the State will not be reduced if specific outcomes or targets in the Outcomes Framework are not achieved.
20. For the purposes of sub-clause 18(a), and for subsections 15C(5) and (6) of the FFR Act, the period for which a State must have a housing strategy or a homelessness strategy and make them available on a publicly accessible website is the whole of the financial year, but for any period where it is not reasonably practicable that the strategy is available, which may include a period:
 - (a) during which the State is in caretaker
 - (b) during which the State is developing, reviewing or updating its strategies, so long as the sum of all such periods do not exceed eighteen months in any five year period
 - (c) during which there is a website outage; or
 - (d) set out in the relevant State's bilateral schedule for this purpose, as agreed between the Commonwealth and the relevant State.

PART 3 – GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

21. The Housing and Homelessness Ministerial Council (the Council), chaired by the Commonwealth Minister for Housing and Homelessness, and including all State housing ministers, provides joint ministerial oversight of housing and homelessness policy. The Council has an important role in improving collaboration, coordination, innovation and outcomes across the whole housing and homelessness system. The Council will:
 - (a) steward the Agreement to ensure its strategic relevance as policy settings and the housing market evolve
 - (b) oversee the implementation and ongoing operation of the Agreement
 - (c) support evidence-informed decision making.

Roles

22. Parties to the Agreement acknowledge they have a joint role in supporting the effective functioning of the social housing and homelessness service sectors, while recognising that responsibility for the delivery of social housing and homelessness services, projects, reforms or initiatives rests with the States. Continued cooperation and collaboration

between all levels of government will be integral to achieving the Agreement's objective. Commonwealth and State policy responsibilities are listed in Schedule E.

23. Parties acknowledge the importance of their role in developing appropriate national data sets and data sharing arrangements.

Responsibilities

24. Under this Agreement, it is the responsibility of the Commonwealth to:
 - (a) confirm the delivery of outputs as set out in Part 2
 - (b) monitor and assess progress towards meeting the objective of this Agreement based on the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A)
 - (c) agree bilateral schedules with the States to support achieving this Agreement's objective and delivering outputs, while accounting for the specific needs and circumstances of each jurisdiction
 - (d) provide financial assistance to the States in accordance with this Agreement.
25. Under this Agreement, it is the responsibility of the States to:
 - (a) work towards achieving the objectives and outcomes detailed in the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A). This includes:
 - i. delivering social housing services in partnership with relevant government and non-government entities
 - ii. implementing state-level reforms to improve the management of social housing stock and increase efficiency of stock allocation and utilisation
 - iii. delivering specialist homelessness services, in partnership with relevant non-government service providers, including crisis homelessness services, early intervention and prevention programs, and other support services for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
 - (b) deliver the outputs consistent with Section 15C of the FFR Act and as set out in Part 2
 - (c) ensure relevant social housing providers and agencies that provide homelessness services supply data for national data sets
 - (d) agree a bilateral schedule with the Commonwealth that accounts for the specific needs and circumstances of each State
 - (e) deliver on relevant outputs and outcomes agreed with the Commonwealth under relevant bilateral schedules

- (f) ensure that financial assistance provided under this Agreement is:
 - i. spent for the purposes of the Agreement; that is, on homelessness services and social housing
 - ii. spent in a way that delivers the greatest net benefit to the community or, alternatively, a pathway is established to improve the quality of spending (for example, effective evaluations).
- 26. All Parties have a responsibility to improve the national housing and homelessness evidence base. This includes but is not limited to a responsibility to:
 - (a) collect, compile and supply data to develop nationally consistent data sets (Schedule C)
 - (b) share data for the purposes of monitoring and reporting, and delivering improved outcomes under this Agreement. This includes providing Parties to the Agreement with reasonable access to relevant data sets for the purpose of research and policy development, including but not limited to purposes outlined in Schedule C.
- 27. All Parties will ensure that prior agreement is reached on the nature and content of any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to activities under this Agreement, and that the roles of both Parties will be acknowledged and recognised appropriately.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

- 28. The Agreement recognises the need to address the disproportionate housing inequality that affects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This Agreement recognises that progress must be achieved through alignment with the Priority Reforms committed to in the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, which are:
 - (a) Priority Reform One: Formal Partnerships and Shared Decision Making
 - (b) Priority Reform Two: Building the Community-Controlled Sector
 - (c) Priority Reform Three: Transforming Government Organisations
 - (d) Priority Reform Four: Shared Access to Data and Information at a Regional Level.
- 29. All parties have responsibility to ensure their commitment under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap are met including implementing these Priority Reforms.
- 30. In line with all governments' commitments to these Priority Reforms, decisions that predominantly affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be decided by Partnership Bodies for each jurisdiction, made up of appropriate representation from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, housing peak bodies (where available in the jurisdiction), and the State government. Existing structures, such as Closing the Gap

governance structures, may act as the Partnership Body for a jurisdiction where the existing structures are fit for this purpose. The Partnership Body will be responsible for:

- (a) ensuring the Principles of Genuine Partnership are undertaken on all funding decisions related to this Agreement which affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and
 - (b) monitoring and reporting on programs focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people funded through this Agreement.
- 31. The Housing Policy Partnership (HPP) will provide oversight and assurance functions of arrangements relating specifically to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- 32. The Partnership Bodies will agree and implement for their jurisdictions:
 - (a) outcomes frameworks focussed on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to supplement the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A)
 - (b) a statement of assurance reporting framework focussed on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to supplement the broader framework as detailed in Schedule B.
- 33. Achieving improved housing and homelessness outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (including National Agreement on Closing the Gap targets) and implementing Priority Reforms will be the subject of a formal evaluation during this Agreement. The evaluation will be agreed through the relevant Partnership Body and the HPP.

Enforceability of the Agreement

- 34. The provisions of this Agreement as they relate to the FFR Act are legally enforceable. All other provisions are not intended to be legally enforceable. However, this does not lessen the Parties' commitment to this Agreement.

Review of the Agreement

- 35. As part of the shared commitment to improving homelessness and social housing outcomes, the Commonwealth, in consultation with the States, will commission an independent review of this Agreement. This review will be completed by no later than 1 July 2028.
- 36. The terms of reference of this review will be developed by the Commonwealth, in consultation with States. With respect to clause 35, all Parties commit to engaging and meaningfully considering any recommendations made by the reviewing body in the interests of continuous improvement.

Variation of the Agreement

- 37. The Agreement may be amended at any time by agreement in writing by all the Parties.

38. Bilateral schedules under this Agreement that have no impact on other Parties may be amended at any time by agreement in writing between the relevant Parties; that is, between the Commonwealth and the relevant State.
39. A Party to the Agreement may terminate their participation in the Agreement at any time by giving 12 months' notice of intention to do so, in writing, to all the other Parties.

Delegations

40. The Commonwealth Minister with portfolio responsibility for housing and homelessness is authorised to agree and amend the Agreement and schedules under this Agreement and to certify that outputs under this Agreement have been delivered.
41. Respective State Ministers with portfolio responsibility for housing and homelessness are authorised to agree and amend schedules to this Agreement.
42. The Council may delegate its responsibilities as they pertain to this Agreement to relevant officials reporting to the Council at their discretion (such as working groups made up of state officials).

Dispute resolution

43. Any Party may give notice to other Parties of a dispute under this Agreement.
44. Officials of relevant Parties will attempt to resolve any dispute in the first instance.
45. If a dispute cannot be resolved by officials, the matter may be escalated to the relevant Ministers.

PART 4 – MONITORING AND REPORTING

46. Progress towards achieving the objective of this Agreement will be monitored and reported annually against the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A) as detailed in Schedule B. This includes:
 - (a) reporting against measures as agreed in the bilateral schedules
 - (b) reporting on relevant State government expenditure and relevant State government programs, reforms and initiatives.
47. From the second year of the Agreement onwards, annual reporting shared with the Council will provide an opportunity for Ministers to collectively review the Agreement's ongoing strategic relevance.
 - (a) Discussions pursuant to this clause will be held with regard to both the Agreement's objective and the broader housing policy context.

National Outcomes Framework

48. Progress against the Agreement's objective will be assessed against the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A) and measured using the measures specified in bilateral schedules. These will comprise, at a minimum, the compulsory measures in the

National Outcomes Framework. State-specific measures will be agreed between relevant Parties and set out in the bilateral schedules.

49. The Parties recognise the National Outcomes Framework indicators and measures may require data improvements where necessary to improve data quality and reporting.

Statement of assurance

50. Each State will provide to the relevant Commonwealth Minister (or a relevant Commonwealth official) an annual statement of assurance. The statement will take the form as detailed in Schedule B and with reference to the bilateral schedules.
51. The Commonwealth will publish statements on a public website where details of this Agreement are also published. States may also choose to publish the statements on their websites.
52. Parties will work together to improve the quality and utility of the information provided in the statements of assurance.

National reporting and analysis

53. Where appropriate, reporting and analysis will draw on existing data collections and reports, for example the Specialist Homelessness Services Collection and the Report on Government Services, recognising that adjustments to existing data may be required.
54. The Parties may undertake additional reporting and analysis relevant to the objective and outcomes contributed to by the Agreement. This may take the form of a summary of statements received or other analysis report. The Parties will provide each other the opportunity to comment on any report prior to publishing.

PART 5 – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

55. In 2024-25, the Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$1.8 billion in respect of this Agreement. All payments are GST exclusive.
56. For the remainder of the Agreement, the Commonwealth's total financial contribution will be indexed annually to Wage Cost Index 1. The actual financial assistance is subject to change based on updates to Wage Cost Index 1 as part of the Commonwealth Budget processes.
57. The Commonwealth's contribution will not be reduced where the States secure funding from other activity partners.
58. The Commonwealth's estimated financial contribution to the operation of this Agreement and the allocation across the States are shown in Tables 1 and 2.
59. Consistent with Section 17 of the FFR Act, Commonwealth contributions will be paid monthly in advance providing that the relevant terms and conditions set out in this Agreement are met (see Part 2). The Commonwealth Treasurer will make a final determination on the distribution of financial assistance to the States after the end of the financial year.

Funding allocations

60. Financial assistance will be split into specified homelessness funding for the purposes of subsection 15C(7) of the FFR Act; and remaining funding (referred to as 'General Funding'; Appendix A – Glossary refers).
61. General Funding can be spent on initiatives that address the objective or outcomes in the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A), including homelessness initiatives. In addition, General Funding can be spent on projects that involve mixed models of social and affordable housing.
 - (a) However, for the avoidance of doubt, any General Funding spent on projects with mixed models of social and affordable housing must be solely allocated to the social housing component of the project.
62. The States agree to:
 - (a) spend specified homelessness funding on the homelessness services sector, and
 - (b) match this amount each year in funding to the homelessness services sector.

Table 1: Estimated Commonwealth financial contributions (a)

(\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total
General Funding	1,379.0	1,410.7	1,441.7	1,470.6	1,500.0	7,202.0
Specified Homelessness Funding	400.0	409.2	418.2	426.6	435.1	2,089.1
Total Commonwealth contribution	1,779.0	1,819.9	1,859.9	1,897.1	1,935.1	9291.1

(a) Based on 2024-25 Budget estimates and subject to adjustment in accordance with Part 5 of this Agreement.


Table 2: Estimated State allocations (a)

(\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total
General Funding						
New South Wales	425.3	435.0	444.6	453.5	462.6	2,221.0
Victoria	350.9	359.0	366.9	374.2	381.7	1,832.7
Queensland	282.2	288.6	295.0	300.9	306.9	1,473.6
Western Australia	158.4	162.0	165.6	168.9	172.3	827.2
South Australia	95.4	97.6	99.8	101.8	103.8	498.4
Tasmania	29.7	30.4	31.1	31.7	32.3	155.2
Australian Capital Territory	24.3	24.9	25.4	26.0	26.5	127.1
Northern Territory	12.8	13.1	13.4	13.6	13.9	66.7
Specified Homelessness Funding						
New South Wales	114.3	117.0	119.5	121.9	124.4	597.1
Victoria	100.1	102.4	104.7	106.8	108.9	522.9
Queensland	73.2	74.9	76.6	78.1	79.7	382.5
Western Australia	31.8	32.5	33.2	33.9	34.6	165.9
South Australia	24.3	24.8	25.4	25.9	26.4	126.7
Tasmania	7.7	7.9	8.0	8.2	8.3	40.1
Australian Capital Territory	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.3	30.3
Northern Territory	42.8	43.8	44.7	45.6	46.5	223.5

(a) Estimated financial contributions are based on 2024-25 Budget estimates and are subject to adjustment in accordance with Part 5 of this Agreement.

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this Agreement as follows:

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of Australia by*


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Minister for Homelessness

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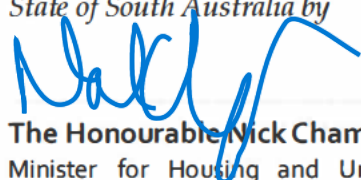
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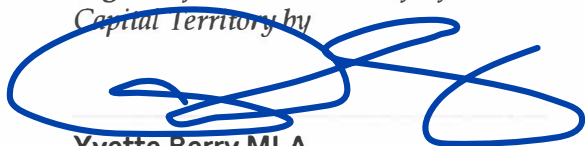
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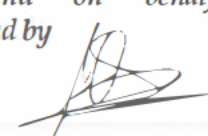
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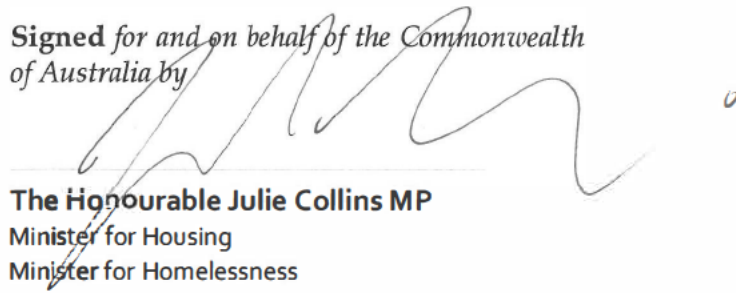
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APPENDIXES

A – Glossary of Key Terms

SCHEDULES TO THE AGREEMENT

A – National Outcomes Framework

B – Statement of Assurance Reporting

C – Data collection and governance of data improvements

D – Initial Data Improvement Work Plan

E – Policy responsibilities of the Parties

APPENDIX A – GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS

Principles of Genuine Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Shared Decision-Making: Government and the Partnership Body engage in meaningful dialogue and decision-making processes where both parties have an equal say in the design and delivery of policies and programs related to this Agreement that predominantly affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. ii. Capacity Building: Government supports the capacity-building efforts of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Sector to ensure it meets the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by empowering them to be an equal partner in decision-making processes. iii. Cultural Competence and Sensitivity: Governments and the Partnership Body demonstrate cultural competence and sensitivity in their interactions with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, understanding and respecting cultural protocols, practices, and values. iv. Long-Term Commitment: True partnership and co-design require a long-term commitment from both governments and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders. This involves sustained engagement, investment, and collaboration to address systemic housing and homelessness issues in a culturally sensitive manner and achieve meaningful outcomes. v. Accountability and Evaluation: Both parties agree on mechanisms for accountability and evaluation to ensure that agreed-upon initiatives are effectively implemented and deliver positive outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. This may involve regular reviews, reporting mechanisms, and feedback loops. vi. Holistic Approach: Partnership and co-design efforts should take a holistic approach, addressing the interconnected social, economic, cultural, and environmental factors that impact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities' well-being and prosperity. vii. Reconciliation and Healing: True partnership involves a commitment to reconciliation, healing, and truth telling.
General Funding	For the purposes of this Agreement, a Commonwealth financial contribution to a State other than that which is designated specified homelessness funding for the purposes of subsection 15C(7) of the FFR Act.
Social Housing	Social housing is subsidised rental housing provided by not-for-profit, non-government or government organisations. Programs in scope include public housing, State Owned and Managed Indigenous Housing (SOMIH), community housing and Indigenous community housing. Programs out-of-scope include affordable housing, home purchase assistance, specialist homelessness services and crisis accommodation programs.
Homelessness services	Government and non-government specialist homelessness services deliver a range of services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness – including supported accommodation, counselling, advocacy, links to housing, health, education and employment services, outreach support, brokerage and meals services, and financial and employment assistance. The focus of the Agreement is on specialist homelessness services.

SCHEDULE A – NATIONAL OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK

SOCIAL HOUSING

* **Compulsory measures.** They must be included in states' reporting.

All social housing measures will be disaggregated by program type: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing.

Objective	Outcomes	Indicators	Measures	Possible Data Source
To support people who are experiencing, or at risk of, long-term homelessness or are otherwise unable to sustain housing in the private rental market to obtain and sustain social housing	People in need of social housing are able to obtain a tenancy	Stock of social housing dwellings	Number of social housing dwellings at 30 June* Change in the number of social housing dwellings from previous year*	RoGS Table 18A.3 Housing Assistance in Australia, AIHW, Table DWELLINGS.2
		Efficient use of social housing stock	Proportion of underutilised social housing households	Housing Assistance in Australia, AIHW, Table SUITABILITY.1 RoGS Table 18A.37
		Priority access to those in greatest need	Percentage of greatest need allocations as a proportion of all new allocations	RoGS Table 18A.16-18

	People in social housing live in quality homes appropriate to their needs	Match of dwelling to household size	Proportion of overcrowded households*	RoGS Table 18A.30-33 Housing Assistance in Australia, AIHW, Table SUIABILITY.1
		Dwelling condition	Number of upgrades to social housing dwellings (capital expenditure only) Proportion of households with at least four working facilities and not more than two major structural problems* Proportion of tenants satisfied or very satisfied with day-to-day maintenance services provided by their housing organisation	Not currently publicly available RoGS Table 18A.41-44 National Social Housing Survey (NSHS), AIHW, Table S5.1
		Customer satisfaction	Proportion of tenants satisfied or very satisfied with overall services provided by the housing organisation	National Social Housing Survey (NSHS), AIHW, Table S1.1 RoGS Table 18A.45-47

HOMELESSNESS

* **Compulsory measures.** They must be included in states' reporting.

Objective	Outcomes	Indicators	Measures	Possible Data Source
Effective support services contribute to preventing and reducing homelessness	People at risk of or experiencing homelessness receive effective support	Unmet demand for homelessness services	Number of unassisted requests for services, split by accommodation and other services* Number and proportion of clients with an identified need for services who were not provided or referred to those services, split by accommodation and other services*	Specialist Homelessness Services Collection (SHSC), AIHW, Table UNASSISTED.2 RoGS 19A.8 Specialist Homelessness Services Collection (SHSC), AIHW, Table CLIENTS.24 RoGS, Table 19A.7
		Supported requests for services	Number and proportion of clients who were homeless at the first presentation who are in stable housing at the end of support Number and proportion of clients at risk of homelessness who receive assistance and avoid homelessness*	SHSC, AIHW, table CLIENTS.31 NHHA Indicator (i) SHSC, AIHW, Table I_CLIENT_1
		Satisfaction with homelessness services	Number and proportion of clients who are satisfied with the service they receive from homelessness service providers	Data currently unavailable for this measure
		Rental stress	Proportion of renting households in the bottom two income quintiles paying more than 30% of income on rent	RoGS Table GA.2 Survey of Income and Housing, ABS

	People rarely experience or enter into homelessness and when they do it is brief and non-recurring	Return to homelessness	Number and proportion of clients who return to homelessness after achieving housing*	NHHA Indicator (h) SHSC, AIHW, Table H_RETURN RoGS 19A.38 (includes disaggregation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) This is currently measured over 24-months
		Prevalence of homelessness	Number of people experiencing homelessness who present to homelessness services	SHSC, AIHW, CLIENTS.11
			Number of people experiencing homelessness per 10,000 people in the population	Census of Population and Housing, ABS (5-yearly) RoGS Table 19A.2

SCHEDULE B – STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE REPORTING

- B1. Statements of assurance for a financial year will include evidence that the State:
- (a) has a publicly available housing and homelessness strategy as set out in sub-clause 18(a)
 - (b) has satisfied the requirements of this Agreement to allocate specified homelessness funding to the homelessness services sector (clause 62) and matched that funding with its own funds
 - (c) has satisfied the requirement of this Agreement to spend General Funding on initiatives as specified in clause 61
 - (d) has updated data for National Outcomes Framework measures (Schedule A) and State specific measures agreed in bilateral schedules. States can provide additional information to give context to their results.
- B2. Statements for a financial year are required by 31 December of the following financial year, or a later date as agreed by the Commonwealth and the relevant State.
- B3. A template has been developed to support quality and consistent reporting (Table B1). In addition to the main statement of assurance at Table B1, there will be a dedicated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statement of Assurance template, as set out in Table B2.

Table B1 – Statement of Assurance Template**Statement of Assurance**

[jurisdiction]

[year]

Statement of Assurance (SoA) reporting provides accountability and transparency about public spending associated with the Agreement (clause 50). Schedule B of the Agreement sets out the requirements for the SoAs. This template formalises and specifies the reporting requirements.

Counting rules

Counting methodologies should be consistent with the Report on Government Services (RoGS) counting rules for social housing and homelessness services.

Table 1A – Funding

	Funding estimated in NASHH	Actual funding received	Additional context e.g. key changes/reasons for variation between estimated and actual funding
	2024-25	2024-25	
	\$m	\$m	
Funding			
NASHH Commonwealth General Funding (1)			
NASHH Commonwealth Specified Homelessness Funding (2)			
NASHH State matched specified homelessness funding (3)			

Table 1B – Expenditure

	Baseline (year prior to NASHH commencement**)	Forecast/allocated (current year)	Actual (current year)	Additional context e.g. key changes/reasons for variation between baseline and current year; and allocated and actual expenditure in 2024-25
	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Expenditure overview				
Total expenditure on homelessness services (4)	Sum of 2 boxes below			
Expenditure on Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS)				
Other homelessness expenditure				
State-funded expenditure on SHS (excluding NASHH funding) (5)				(5)=(4)-(2); if (5)>(3) then assured that requirements of NASHH are met for Specified Homelessness Funding matching contributions
Total expenditure on all social housing (including NASHH funding) (6)				
public housing				
SOMIH				
community housing				
Indigenous community housing				
Total state-funded expenditure on social housing (excluding NASHH funding) (7)				(7)=(6)-(1); if (7)>(1) then assured that requirements of Agreement are met for General Funding. If not [State] needs to demonstrate how General Funding has met the requirement of the NASHH.

Detailed Homelessness Services expenditure				
Funding to SHS providers				
SHS administrative costs				
Capital expenditure [please specify]				
Expenditure on non-SHS homelessness services				
<i>Total homelessness expenditure</i>				
Detailed social housing expenditure (scope of services includes PH, SOMIH, CH, ICH)				
<i>Net recurrent expenditure</i>				
Employee expenses – other than payroll tax				
Repairs and maintenance				
Leasing costs (including headleasing)				
Rates				
Cost of disposals				
Depreciation and amortisation				
Borrowing costs				
Insurance				
Other expenses not listed above [please specify]				
<i>Total net recurrent expenditure</i>				
<i>Capital expenditure</i>				
Upgrades to existing properties				
Renewals (replacing old with new homes)				
Capital grants and subsidies*				
Acquisition costs [please specify]				
<i>Total capital expenditure</i>				
Other expenditure not included elsewhere e.g. other programs, cross program costs unable to be apportioned [please specify]				
<i>Total social housing expenditure</i>				

* includes capital grants to non-government service providers for the delivery of social housing services and grants to non-government providers for capital works required for the delivery of social housing services.

** only reported in first SoA, 2024-25.

Table 1C – Alternative housing assistance services

These are substitutes for social housing and homelessness services. Therefore entries in this table should not be included in expenditure reporting at Table 1A or 1B.

	Baseline (previous year)	Forecast/allocated (current year)	Actual (current year)	Additional context e.g. key changes/reasons for variation between baseline and current year; and allocated and actual expenditure in 2024-25
	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	
<i>e.g. state rent assistance services</i>				
<i>e.g. tenancy management services not included above</i>				
<i>e.g. affordable housing</i>				
<i>e.g. Headleasing services not included above</i>				
<i>Total expenditure on alternative housing assistance</i>				

Table 2 – Social Housing and homelessness program information (activities and outputs)

		Actual (current year) 2024-25		Forecast (Total)		Outcome and Progress	Reference
		Expenditure	Outputs	Expenditure	Outputs		
Program/Project Name	Description						
<i>e.g. Housing First Pilot Program</i>	<i>The Housing First Pilot program aims to provide safe and secure housing for people with high and complex needs experiencing persistent homelessness.</i>	<i>\$x,xxx,xxx</i>	<i>Permanent homes for 20 rough sleepers with complex needs</i>	<i>\$xx,xxx,xxx over 5 years</i>	<i>Permanent homes for 100 rough sleepers with complex needs</i>		
<i>e.g. Public Housing repairs and maintenance program</i>	<i>The program aims to extend the life of public housing assets by providing responsive repairs and maintenance</i>	<i>\$xx,xxx,xxx for planned works</i> <i>\$xx,xxx,xxx for responsive works</i>	<i>50,000 work orders completed: 10,000 were for planned works; 40,000 for responsive.</i>	<i>\$xxx,xxx,xxx Over the forward estimates to 2027-28</i>	<i>Approx. 50,000 work orders per year</i>		

Table 3 – Reporting against the National Outcomes Framework

In reporting against the National Outcomes Framework, states may reference RoGS or other national publications for details of relevant measures.

<i>Outcome</i>	<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Measure(s)</i>	<i>Data source</i>	<i>Baseline (previous year)</i>	<i>Current year</i>
				2023-24	2024-25
People at risk of or experiencing homelessness receive effective support	Unmet demand for homelessness services	Number of unassisted requests for services, split by accommodation and other services	RoGS 19A.8		
		Number and proportion of clients with an identified need for services who were not provided or referred to those services, split by accommodation and other services	RoGS 19A.7		
	Supported request for services	Number and proportion of clients at risk of homelessness who receive assistance and avoid homelessness	AIHW SHSC, I_CLIENT_1		
People rarely experience or enter into homelessness and when they do it is brief and non-recurring	Return to homelessness	Number and proportion of clients who return to homelessness after achieving housing	RoGS 19A.38		
People in need of social housing are able to obtain a tenancy	Stock of social housing dwellings	Number of social housing dwellings at 30 June: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs	RoGS 18A.3		
People in social housing live in quality homes appropriate to their needs	Match of dwelling to household size	Proportion of overcrowded households: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs	RoGS 18A.30-33		
	Dwelling condition	Proportion of households with at least four working facilities and not more than two major structural problems: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs	RoGS 18A.41-44		

* Overcrowding is defined and measured using the Canadian National Occupancy Standard (CNOS), with households deemed to be overcrowded if one or more additional bedrooms are required to meet the standard.

Table B2 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statement of Assurance Template

Table B2.1A – Outcomes and Expenditure

			Baseline (previous year)	Current year
		Measure/Indicator	2023-24	2024-25
Outcome Reference	<i>Outcome</i>			
1	Increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in appropriately sized (not overcrowded) housing (CTG Target 9a)	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households requiring no additional bedrooms	XX,XXX	X,XXX

Table B2.1B – Program information

		Actual (current year) 2024-25		Forecast (Total)		Outcome Reference and Progress
		Expenditure	Outputs	Expenditure	Outputs	
Program/Project Name	Description					
e.g. Social Housing Uplift (South Katherine)						

SCHEDULE C – DATA COLLECTION AND GOVERNANCE OF DATA IMPROVEMENTS

PRELIMINARIES

- C1. This schedule outlines how the Parties will contribute to the development and implementation of an improved, nationally consistent housing and homelessness data set.
- C2. This improved and nationally consistent data will serve three purposes:
 - (a) facilitate comprehensive monitoring and analysis of national and State housing and homelessness outcomes;
 - (b) contribute to publicly available national data on housing and homelessness; and
 - (c) support future housing and homelessness research, policy development and policy evaluation.

NATIONAL DATA COLLECTIONS

Homelessness Data

- C3. Parties to the Agreement will continue to facilitate, collect, compile and supply homelessness agency, client and support period data to the relevant Commonwealth Minister by giving this data to the agency nominated by the Minister, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) consistent with nationally agreed standards and specifications.
- C4. Client outcomes will be reported using data from the Specialist Homelessness Services Collection (SHSC) held by the AIHW.
- C5. All funded specialist homelessness services must participate in the SHSC unless an exemption is provided by the Commonwealth.
- C6. The States and the Commonwealth agree to share SHSC data for the purposes of monitoring and analysis, policy development, and delivering improved housing and homelessness outcomes.
 - (a) The AIHW will provide the States and Commonwealth with access to SHSC data holdings consistent with legislative and privacy arrangements.
 - (b) States agree for the Commonwealth to be provided access to de-identified unit record homelessness related data held by AIHW, including but not limited to the SHSC.
 - (c) For the avoidance of doubt, and for the purposes of fulfilling AIHW's data governance requirements, this paragraph constitutes explicit data supplier and State agreement to share unit record SHSC data with Parties to the Agreement .

Social Housing Data

- C7. Parties to the Agreement will continue to facilitate, collect, compile and supply social housing (public and community housing) dwelling, waitlist and client data to a Commonwealth statistical agency consistent with nationally agreed standards and specifications.

- C8. Client outcomes will be reported using data compiled into a national social housing data set held by the Commonwealth statistical agency.
- C9. All government funded social housing providers must supply data in accordance with the data improvement plan unless an exemption is provided by the Commonwealth.
- C10. The States and the Commonwealth agree to share social housing data for the purposes of monitoring and analysis, policy development, and delivering improved outcomes.
- (a) The Commonwealth agency holding the data will provide the States and Commonwealth with access to social housing data holdings consistent with legislative and privacy arrangements.
 - (b) States agree for the Commonwealth to be provided access to de-identified unit record social housing related data held by the Commonwealth statistical agency.
 - (c) For the avoidance of doubt, and for the purposes of fulfilling the Commonwealth statistical agency's data governance requirements, this paragraph constitutes explicit data supplier and State agreement to share unit record social housing data with Parties to the Agreement.

GOVERNANCE OF DATA IMPROVEMENTS

- C11. Data improvements will be pursued in line with the principles for performance indicators outlined in Schedule C of the IGA FFR. These include:
- (a) Comparable – data must be comparable across jurisdictions and over time;
 - (b) Accurate – data published will be of sufficient accuracy so that the community has confidence in the information; and
 - (c) Administratively simple and cost effective.

The Data Improvement Work Plan

- C12. The purpose of the Data Improvement Work Plan is to improve and develop the evidence base and data to inform future policy, research and evaluation. An initial Work Plan is at Schedule D.
- C13. The Work Plan will provide for new data resources, improvements to existing data sets, linkages between datasets, as well as additional or improved indicators and measures.
- C14. The Work Plan will be a living document, updated over the life of the Agreement as opportunities arise.

Governance Arrangements

- C15. The Housing and Homelessness Ministerial Council will endorse the Work Plan, with funding and project selection agreed by the Housing and Homelessness Senior Official Meeting (SOM).
- C16. The Housing Coordination Group (HCG) will oversee the development and implementation of the Work Plan. The Commonwealth will chair the HCG and provide secretariat support.

- (a) The HCG will identify, recommend and support implementation of data improvements that contribute to appropriate, nationally consistent and comparable data to support the Agreement and inform future housing and homelessness policy and research.
- (b) Working groups may be established by the HCG to pursue data improvements over the life of the Agreement and with consideration of the housing and homelessness evidence base as a whole.
- (c) The HCG will be the advisory body responsible for ensuring working groups are appropriately scoped and resourced. The scope of the working groups' activities, deliverables, governance, costs, and timelines for the completion of its work program will be determined by HCG on a project-by-project basis.
- (d) Expert advisors may be requested to provide expert advice to the HCG or working groups undertaking specific data activities. Expert advisors may include the Productivity Commission, Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute or related groups, agencies, organisations or individuals, as required.

Reporting

C17. The HCG will be responsible for monitoring and reporting annually to the SOM on the progress towards implementing data improvement activities specified in the Work Plan.

C18. Reporting on the Work Plan will cover:

- (a) data improvements
- (b) practical timelines for completing the data improvement activities
- (c) expected costs of improvement and implementation
- (d) the Parties or agencies that will carry out the work, and
- (e) implementation progress.

Funding

C19. Parties to this Agreement agree to carry forward any unspent funding remaining from the pooled fund committed to activities under the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) Data Improvement Plan 2019-2023 (**Schedule E** of the NHHA refers), in order to undertake data improvement activities set out in the relevant parts of this Agreement.

Roles and responsibilities

C20. The States agree to be responsible for:

- (a) supplying social housing data
- (b) ensuring all homelessness and social housing data is consistent with national standards

- (c) advising the Commonwealth of potential exemptions to participate in the supply of data for the SHSC and social housing database
- (d) ensuring funded homelessness services and initiatives that are in-scope for the SHSC participate in the SHSC, or have an exemption from participation agreed by the Commonwealth
- (e) ensuring funded social housing services and initiatives that are in-scope for the social housing database participate in supplying data, or have an exemption from participation agreed by the Commonwealth.

C21. The Commonwealth agrees to be responsible for:

- (a) compiling national data sets in line with national standards
- (b) chairing and providing the secretariat for the HCG.

C22. The Commonwealth and the States agree to be jointly responsible for:

- (a) coordinating homelessness services data collection from SHS providers in collaboration with the AIHW
- (b) negotiating exemptions for services to participate in the SHSC if necessary
- (c) negotiating exemptions for providers to participate in the social housing data set, if necessary
- (d) identifying, recommending and supporting implementation of data improvements
- (e) funding data improvements.

SCHEDULE D – INITIAL DATA IMPROVEMENT WORK PLAN

D1. This schedule outlines a summary of the initial Data Improvement Work Plan (the Work Plan) as prescribed in Schedule C of the Agreement. The agreed data improvements are summarised at Table 1.

Table 1: Agreed data improvements

Data Improvement	Summary
Establish a research data set for the Social Housing sector, similar to the SHSC.	<p>Unlike with the SHSC, there are no national minimum data specifications for social housing (public and community housing). This results in lower quality data and means national reporting and analysis of data, community housing data in particular, is of limited use.</p> <p>This project will explore options to improve the quality and comparability of social housing data, particularly community housing data, by establishing a national dataset for social housing.</p> <p>The work will build on work commissioned under the NHHHA DIP to improve reporting and reduce burden on community housing providers.</p>
Service-based housing and homelessness datasets are able to be linked to produce a person-centred view.	<p>The ability to link data would improve understanding of the pathways people take when they access housing and homelessness services.</p> <p>AIHW to work with all jurisdictions to ensure there are nationally consistent Statistical Linkage Keys (SLKs) for the SHSC and social housing data collections.</p>

<p>Investigate the suitability of the Canadian National Occupancy Standard (CNOS) in the Australian context.</p>	<p>Housing overcrowding and underutilisation is currently based on the CNOS. There are questions about the validity of using CNOS as a measure of overcrowding. This is because (a) needs/suitability is broader than number of bedrooms; and (b) because of cultural appropriateness of the definition of overcrowding in the context of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.</p> <p>This work would build on research undertaken by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) on overcrowding measures commissioned under the NHHA DIP (Dockery et al. 2022).</p>
<p>Improve measurement of people experiencing homelessness.</p>	<p>Estimates of the number of people experiencing homelessness are currently only available every 5 years from the ABS Census of Population and Housing.</p> <p>Investigate the feasibility of producing more frequent estimates of homelessness based on administrative data.</p>
<p>Investigate feasibility of collecting information on social housing dwelling stock condition.</p>	<p>Satisfaction with maintenance services as a standalone measure does not tell the full story about whether social housing stock is being maintained to an acceptable standard.</p> <p>Some jurisdictions have previously undertaken stock condition surveys to assess the condition of their stock. This work would investigate the feasibility of a national survey of social housing stock condition.</p>

SCHEDULE E – POLICY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

E1. Policy responsibilities of the Commonwealth relevant to the housing sector and to this Agreement include:

- (a) income support and Commonwealth Rent Assistance
- (b) provision of Commonwealth own-purpose housing and homelessness related programs and services, including home ownership support
- (c) immigration and settlement policy and programs
- (d) financial sector regulations and Commonwealth taxation settings that influence housing supply and affordability
- (e) building regulation
- (f) population and migration settings
- (g) financing for community and affordable housing
- (h) major infrastructure funding
- (i) aged care.

E2. Relevant policy responsibilities of the States include:

- (a) public housing provision
- (b) community housing support and legislation to support the operation of the national regulatory system for community housing
- (c) providing crisis accommodation and support services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- (d) land use, supply, and urban planning and development policy
- (e) rental tenancy legislation and regulation
- (f) homeowner support
- (g) planning regulation
- (h) taxes and duties that influence housing affordability
- (i) infrastructure funding and policy associated with residential development.

New South Wales

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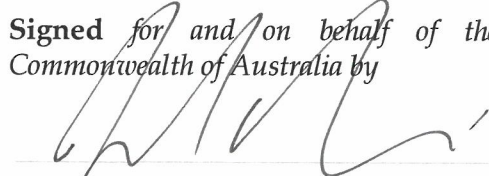
Outputs	<p>Housing and Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>New South Wales meets the requirements of clause 18(a) of the Agreement through the following publicly available documents:</p> <p>With reference to 18(a) and 20(b), New South Wales is developing strategies for homelessness and social housing, which are expected to be finalised in 2024.</p> <p>The disproportionate disadvantage faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be considered within these strategies.</p> <p>New South Wales will include publicly available information on what affects demand for social housing in New South Wales, how New South Wales will respond to changes in the demand for social housing and any proposed changes to social housing stock that are relevant over the next 5 years of the Agreement.</p> <p>Strong Family, Strong Communities is the New South Wales Aboriginal Housing Office's 10-year strategy to improve the wellbeing of NSW Aboriginal families and communities through housing.</p> <p>New South Wales CAPO and NSW Government have developed and released two Implementation Plans in partnership, setting out how the commitments in the National Agreement on Closing the Gap to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be achieved.</p> <p>National Outcomes Framework</p> <p>New South Wales will meet the requirements of clause 18(b) by reporting against the indicators in the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A of the Agreement). This will include at a minimum, the compulsory measures.</p> <p>All reporting provided by New South Wales against the compulsory indicators in the National Outcomes Framework will be reported from the published Report on Government Services (RoGS) or other published data.</p> <p>Compulsory measures</p> <p><i>Homelessness</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of unassisted requests for services, split by accommodation and other services • Number and proportion of clients with an identified need for services who were not provided or referred to those services, split by accommodation and other services • Number and proportion of clients at risk of homelessness who receive assistance and avoid homelessness
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	<p>Governance arrangements and self-determination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</p> <p>New South Wales will identify and provide details of the existing governance that reflects the breadth of Aboriginal communities and stakeholders in New South Wales, and which will serve as the Partnership Body for the purposes of the Agreement.</p> <p>In keeping with the principles of genuine partnership, the final outcomes framework and statement of assurance reporting framework focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people required in the Agreement will be determined by the New South Wales endorsed Partnership Body.</p> <p>In undertaking its functions, the Housing Policy Partnership must regularly consult with the New South Wales endorsed Partnership Body to ensure there is an appropriate level of engagement and representation of views from across the broad range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander decision making bodies and forums that exist in New South Wales.</p>

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Minister for Homelessness

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Signed for and on behalf of the
State of New South Wales by



The Honourable Rose Jackson MLC

Minister for Housing
Minister for Homelessness

[05] [06] [2024]

Victoria

NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS - BILATERAL SCHEDULE

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Purpose	<p>This Schedule will help people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and support the effective operation of Victoria’s social housing and homelessness services sectors.</p> <p>In committing to this Schedule, the Parties acknowledge their mutual interest in addressing homelessness and improving social housing in Victoria, with particular regard to people experiencing disproportionate housing inequality and disadvantage.</p>																																			
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	<p>Victoria's Housing Statement¹ – The Decade Ahead 2024-2034.</p> <p>The Housing Statement sets a bold target to build 800,000 new homes – 80,000 a year – across the state over the next 10 years, delivered through an Affordability Partnership with the housing industry.</p> <p>The Housing Statement focusses on five key areas to tackle the root of the problem – housing supply. These are: good decisions made faster, cheaper housing closer to where you work, protecting renters' rights, more social housing and a long-term housing plan.</p> <p>Big Housing Build²</p> <p>Victoria's record \$5.3 billion investment in social and affordable housing will deliver 12,000 new homes across metropolitan and regional Victoria. Overall, the Big Housing Build will increase Victoria's social housing portfolio by ten per cent.</p> <p>In addition to the Building Housing Build, Victoria is delivering the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Housing Fund³ <p>Victoria's \$1 billion Regional Housing Fund aims to deliver more than 1,300 new homes across regional Victoria. The new homes will include a mix of social and affordable housing – and we'll work with councils, regional partnerships and local communities to determine the right mix of stock.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing Investment Partnership <p>The Affordable Housing Investment Partnership is set to deliver an additional \$1 billion in low-interest loans and guarantees to help finance up to 6,000 new social and affordable homes. AHIP is building on the Building Financial Capacity of Housing Agencies initiative by including affordable housing for the first time. This increases total investment for social and affordable housing projects to more than \$2 billion. The initiative also offers institutional investors, such as superannuation funds, not-for-profits, developers and local governments, the opportunity to partner with the community housing sector to help in delivering a mix of private, affordable and social housing projects.</p>
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¹ Victoria's Housing Statement <https://www.vic.gov.au/housing-statement>

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³ Regional Housing Fund <https://www.vic.gov.au/425600-new-homes-regional-victoria>

Homelessness

Victorian Government response to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Homelessness⁴

Since the inquiry, the Victorian Government has funded a range of initiatives that reform Victoria's approach to homelessness. The investments progress a long-term strategic approach across five pillars to make homelessness in Victoria rare, brief and non-recurring:

- People are supported quickly to access and sustain housing
- People are connected to the right mix, sequence and housing support that is proportionate and tailored to their needs
- All parts of the social service system share responsibility for achieving outcomes
- First Peoples' homelessness services are self-determined
- The homelessness system has the capability to support the delivery of contemporary programs.

The following strategies and initiatives are progressing Victoria's long term strategic approach to making homelessness in Victoria rare, brief and non-recurring:

- Investment in programs based on Housing First Principles

This includes aiming to grow the number of permanent supportive housing places from 180 to over 360 in 2025-26 (includes new regional supportive housing beds and others to come online).

This includes investment in programs such as From Homelessness to a Home (Homes First from 1 July), the Journey to Social Inclusion and Homes for Families and investment in supportive housing facilities.

- Investment in a grants process designed to take contemporary, evidence-based solutions to scale

\$115.5 million was provided through the 2024-25 State Budget to establish a four-year competitive grants process from 2025-26 for homelessness services working to ensure homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring. At least 10 per cent of these funds will be allocated for Aboriginal-specific responses that will be self-determined by Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCO)s.

⁴ Victorian Government response to the Inquiry into Homelessness in Victoria [Victorian Government Response to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Homelessness in Victoria – final report](#)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redesign and improvement of the Homelessness Service System with advice from the Ministerial Homelessness Reform Advisory Group (Advisory Group) and a Lived Experience Reference Group (Reference Group) on the best way to structure and deliver homelessness services and maximise impact for those experiencing homelessness, and to design and deliver a homelessness services system that meets the needs of people experiencing and at risk of homelessness and drive continuous improvement. • Continued delivery of the homelessness service system to meet the needs of Victorians experiencing or at risk of homelessness <p>Every year, the Victorian Government assists more than 100,000 Victorians who are at risk of or are experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>Homelessness Services in Victoria provide a range of supports based on people across 3 streams of need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • people at risk of or recently experiencing homelessness with low support needs, • people experiencing homelessness with increased vulnerabilities and risks and • people experiencing chronic homelessness and rough sleeping with multiple associated issues and risks. <p>Supports funded include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial assessment and planning • Case management and outreach support • Crisis and transitional accommodation and support • Private rental assistance and assistance to maintain tenancies across a range of tenures • Youth specific services, such as family reconciliation, a youth-specific entry point and case management, youth foyers and youth refuges, with 10 more supportive accommodation facilities coming on line over the next few years as a result of investment from Victoria's Big Housing Build. • Housing First responses, including Homes First, Journey to Social Inclusion, Homes for Families and eight permanent supportive housing facilities (four operational and four more to come on line in coming years, including two in regional Victoria). • Family Violence support – building on the Ending Family Violence: Victoria's Plan for Change which outlines a vision for a future where Victorians live free from Family Violence.
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First Nations

The Victorian Government is committed to Aboriginal self-determination and supported the development of a Victorian Aboriginal housing and homelessness strategy. In February 2020, '*Mana-na woorn-tyeen maar-takoort: Every Aboriginal Person Has a Home*', the Victorian Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Framework (VAHHF) was released⁵. The framework represents the first housing policy at a state-wide level prepared by the Aboriginal community for the benefit of Aboriginal peoples in Victoria.

The VAHHF seeks to create the building blocks for a strong, sustainable, and well-resourced Aboriginal housing sector in Victoria. The framework is underpinned by Aboriginal self-determination that is fundamental to strengthen the Aboriginal housing sector by delivering a culturally safe and responsive housing system that addresses the challenges that Aboriginal Victorians face.

The disproportionate disadvantage faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is addressed by:

- Advancing self-determination of Aboriginal housing outcomes,
- 10 per cent net new social housing from the Big Housing Build and 10 per cent of the regional housing fund will be targeted to housing developments to meet the needs of Aboriginal Victorians.
- Aboriginal housing sector strengthening and capacity building.
- Bespoke delivery models, offering agency to the Aboriginal housing sector and Aboriginal community.
- Offering a culturally safe service system for renters.

In response to the overwhelming challenges faced by Aboriginal people at risk of and experiencing homelessness, the Blueprint for an Aboriginal specific homelessness system in Victoria was launched in 2022.

The Blueprint provides a design of an Aboriginal-specific homelessness system with a plan to implement each of the system features that are the building blocks for a future focussed, connected and culturally safe Aboriginal specific homelessness system.

The Blueprint proposes:

- Staged approach to introducing an Aboriginal-specific system

⁵ Mana-na Woorn-Tyeen Maar-Takoort <https://vahhf.org.au>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing ACCO delivered services, commencing with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry points and multidisciplinary teams pilot Youth facilities funded through the Youth Capital Grants program Expansion of Aboriginal Private Rental Assistance Program (APRAP) An Aboriginal System Partner role. <p>The Victorian Closing the Gap Implementation Plan</p> <p>Victoria's implementation plan on closing the gap outlines actions Victoria will undertake to achieve the objectives of the national agreement on closing the gap. Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness is captured in Outcome 9: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people secure appropriate, affordable housing that is aligned with their priorities and need.</p> <p>National Outcomes Framework</p> <p>Victoria will meet the requirements of clause 18(b) by reporting against the indicators in the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A of the Agreement). This will include at a minimum, the compulsory measures.</p> <p>Compulsory measures</p> <p><i>Homelessness</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of unassisted requests for services, split by accommodation and other services Number and proportion of clients with an identified need for services who were not provided or referred to those services, split by accommodation and other services Number and proportion of clients at risk of homelessness who receive assistance and avoid homelessness Number and proportion of clients who return to homelessness after achieving housing <p><i>Social housing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of social housing dwellings at 30 June: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs
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Queensland

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Outputs	<p>Housing and Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>Queensland meets the requirements of clause 18(a) of the Agreement through Homes for Queenslanders, which is available at www.housing.qld.gov.au/homesforqueenslanders.</p> <p>Homes for Queenslanders, backed by an initial state investment of an additional \$3.1 billion over five years, works across the housing system to ensure better outcomes now and for future generations. Through Homes for Queenslanders, the Queensland Government is targeting 1 million new homes, including 53,500 new social homes, by 2046. A dedicated commitment to delivering 1,200 social homes in First Nations communities in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander local government authorities and communities is part of the 53,500 new social homes target. We are ramping up to deliver more than 2,000 additional social homes every year from 2028.</p> <p>Demand for housing in Queensland is affected by a range of factors. Queensland’s strong and diverse economy, climate and lifestyle have attracted significant increases in both interstate and overseas migration in recent years. Recent lifestyle and demographic changes have also contributed to increased demand for housing, with changes in household formation resulting in fewer people in each household and an ageing population. Additionally, Commonwealth policy settings such as migration, taxation and income support payments influence demand for housing in Queensland.</p>																																														

Homes for Queenslanders positions Queensland to respond to changes in housing demand, including through planning reforms to unlock housing supply and reduce barriers to development, support Queenslanders in the private housing market, grow social and affordable housing to reduce unmet need, and improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of homelessness responses.

Homes for Queenslanders contains key investments and initiatives to contribute to reducing and preventing homelessness.

- A 20 per cent funding uplift to specialist homelessness services (pillar 5, page 31)
- Undertaking an independent review of Queensland's homelessness response (pillar 5, page 31)
- Expand the Critical Response Team model that conducts outreach to rough sleepers to all regions of Queensland (pillar 5, page 31)
- Expand housing pathways for young people experiencing homelessness (pillar 5, page 31)
- Expanding the Immediate Housing Response Package to include individuals and couples (pillar 5, page 31)
- Establish an integrated Youth Support Centre in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane (pillar 5, page 32)
- Continue after-hours outreach services and employ more workers at night (pillar 5, page 33)
- A \$160 million rental relief package to support renters to secure and keep rental tenancies (pillar 2, page 19).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are disproportionately represented across the social housing and homelessness spectrum.

To address this disparity, Queensland has released Our Place: A First Nations Housing and Homelessness Roadmap to 2031 (the Roadmap), and Our Place: A First Nations Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2024-2027 (Our Place Action Plan), both available at www.housing.qld.gov.au/initiatives/first-nations-housing-and-homelessness.

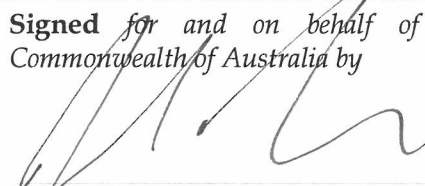
The Roadmap sets out a consistent, cohesive and coordinated approach to closing the housing gap through the implementation of two successive four-year First Nations housing and homelessness action plans. The Roadmap, including commitment to a third action plan, builds strategically on Homes for Queenslanders by focusing on the structural inequities that compound the effects of current housing pressures for First Nations peoples.

	<p>Our Place Action Plan will deliver 27 actions across the following five priority outcomes areas: Partnerships and shared responsibility; Strong sector; A reliable and culturally safe service and support system; Culturally responsive supply solutions; and Private market pathways.</p> <p>Additionally, through Homes for Queenslanders, Queensland is strengthening pathways and increasing housing support for people with disability, with a new action-oriented plan, <i>Partnering for Inclusive Housing with Queenslanders with Disability 2024-2027</i>, co-designed with people with disability and other housing experts.</p> <p>National Outcomes Framework</p> <p>Queensland will meet the requirements of clause 18(b) by reporting against the indicators in the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A of the Agreement). This will include at a minimum, the compulsory measures as noted below.</p> <p><i>Homelessness</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of unassisted requests for services, split by accommodation and other services • Number and proportion of clients with an identified need for services who were not provided or referred to those services, split by accommodation and other services • Number and proportion of clients at risk of homelessness who receive assistance and avoid homelessness • Number and proportion of clients who return to homelessness after achieving housing <p><i>Social housing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of social housing dwellings at 30 June: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs • Change in the number of social housing dwellings from previous year • Proportion of overcrowded households: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs • Proportion of households with at least four working facilities and not more than two major structural problems: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs
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	<p>Any changes to the reporting arrangements will be agreed by parties to the bilateral schedule (the Commonwealth and Queensland).</p> <p>Statements of Assurance</p> <p>Queensland will report annually how it has met the requirements of the Agreement using the template in the Agreement (Schedule B) with any departures from this to be agreed by the Commonwealth..</p> <p>Where possible, reporting will refer to existing reporting, recognising that Queensland also contributes to existing national housing and homelessness data collections and reporting, including the Report on Government Services and Australian Institute of Health and Welfare collections.</p>
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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Julie Collins MP
Minister for Housing
Minister for Homelessness

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Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Queensland by



**The Honourable Meaghan Scanlon
MP**

Minister for Housing, Local Government and
Planning
Minister for Public Works

05/06/2024

Western Australia

NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS - BILATERAL SCHEDULE

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Purpose	<p>This Schedule is supplementary to the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness, which will help people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and support the effective operation of Western Australia’s social housing and homelessness services sectors.</p> <p>In committing to this Schedule, the Parties acknowledge their mutual interest in preventing homelessness and improving social housing in Western Australia, with particular regard to people experiencing disproportionate housing inequality and disadvantage.</p>																																								
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Outputs	<p>Housing and Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>Western Australia meets the requirements of clause 18(a) of the Agreement through the following publicly available documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WA Housing Strategy 2020-2030 • All Paths Lead to a Home: WA's 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness 2020-2030 <p>These strategies set out the priorities that will contribute to reducing homelessness. The disproportionate disadvantage faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is addressed within the strategies.</p> <p>National Outcomes Framework</p> <p>Western Australia will meet the requirements of clause 18(b) by reporting against the indicators in the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A of the Agreement) to contribute to a national perspective of the overall health of the housing and homelessness system. This will include the compulsory measures.</p> <p>Where these measures are already produced in existing reports (e.g. Specialist Homelessness Services Collection, AIHW, Report on Government Services, Annual Reports) the data will be replicated and not reported against a different time horizon and/or methodology.</p> <p>Compulsory measures</p> <p><i>Homelessness</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of unassisted requests for services, split by accommodation and other services • Number and proportion of clients with an identified need for services who were not provided or referred to those services, split by accommodation and other services • Number and proportion of clients at risk of homelessness who receive assistance and avoid homelessness • Number and proportion of clients who return to homelessness after achieving housing <i>N.B. This is currently measured over 24-months and will continue to be so</i> <p><i>Social housing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of social housing dwellings at 30 June: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs • Change in the number of social housing dwellings from previous year
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Additional terms	<p>This Schedule is an agreement that is a supplementary housing agreement for the purposes of Section 15C of the <i>Federal Financial Relations Act 2009</i> (Cth) (the FFR Act) (Clause 9 of the primary agreement refers).</p>

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The Honourable Julie Collins MP

Minister for Housing

Minister for Homelessness

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Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Western Australia by



The Honourable John Carey MLA

Minister for Housing; Homelessness

05/06/2024

South Australia

NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS - BILATERAL SCHEDULE

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Purpose	<p>This Schedule will help people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and support the effective operation of South Australia’s social housing and homelessness services sectors.</p> <p>In committing to this Schedule, the Parties acknowledge their mutual interest in preventing homelessness and improving social housing in South Australia, with particular regard to people experiencing disproportionate housing inequality and disadvantage.</p>																												
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to South Australia of \$625.05m in respect of this Schedule.</p> <table><tr><th>Table 1 (\$ million)</th><th>2024-25</th><th>2025-26</th><th>2026-27</th><th>2027-28</th><th>2028-29</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>- General Funding</td><td>95.42</td><td>97.62</td><td>99.77</td><td>101.76</td><td>103.80</td><td>498.37</td></tr><tr><td>- Specified Homelessness Funding</td><td>24.26</td><td>24.82</td><td>25.36</td><td>25.87</td><td>26.39</td><td>126.69</td></tr><tr><td>South Australia-matched homelessness funding</td><td>24.26</td><td>24.82</td><td>25.36</td><td>25.87</td><td>26.39</td><td>126.69</td></tr></table> <p>Note: Totals subject to change based on parameter updates.</p>	Table 1 (\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total	- General Funding	95.42	97.62	99.77	101.76	103.80	498.37	- Specified Homelessness Funding	24.26	24.82	25.36	25.87	26.39	126.69	South Australia-matched homelessness funding	24.26	24.82	25.36	25.87	26.39	126.69
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Outputs	<p>Housing and Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>South Australia meets the requirements of clause 18(a) of the Agreement through the following publicly available documents:</p>																												

- *Our Housing Future 2020 – 2030*
https://www.housing.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/130692/Our-Housing-Future-2020-2030.pdf
- *A Better Housing Future* (February 2023)
<https://www.treasury.sa.gov.au/Growing-South-Australia/a-better-housing-future/A-Better-Housing-Future-February-2023.pdf>
- *South Australian Aboriginal Housing Strategy 2021 - 2031*
https://www.housing.sa.gov.au/news-and-publications/publications/sa_aboriginal-housing-strategy

These strategies set out the following reforms and initiatives that will contribute to reducing homelessness:

- Refer to page 16 of *Our Housing Future 2020 – 2030*, Strategy 4: Prevent and reduce homelessness through targeted and tailored responses.
- Refer to page 14 of the *South Australian Aboriginal Housing Strategy 2021 – 2031*, Strategy Pillar 4: Homelessness and crisis services: making more safe places to stay when and where you need them.

The disproportionate disadvantage faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is addressed through the 6 strategic pillars identified in the *South Australian Aboriginal Housing Strategy 2021 – 2031*.

Other cohorts facing disproportionate disadvantage in South Australia are: people living with disability; older and younger people; and people with complex needs, including those exiting institutional care.

- The strategy addresses disadvantage for these cohorts through Strategy 3 (refer to page 15 of *Our Housing Future 2020 – 2030*): Create housing pathways to enable people to access housing and services as their needs change.

Demand for housing in South Australia is affected by stronger than anticipated population growth in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, and residential vacancy rates remain at historically low levels. The pandemic and Russia-Ukraine war led to delays with materials and supplies which impacted construction timeframes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Australia will respond to changes in the demand for housing through the initiatives outlined in A Better Housing Future (February 2023). <p>South Australia has announced changes to housing stock as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stopping the sale of 580 public housing properties earmarked to support financial viability. • Investing in the major upgrade of 350 empty properties so they can return to rental stock. • Building 564 new public housing dwellings. • The combination of these initiatives and a \$232.7 million State Government investment will result in an additional 1144 households living in public housing by 30 June 2025 compared to previous plans. <p>Refer to A Better Housing Future for more details.</p> <p>National Outcomes Framework</p> <p>South Australia will meet the requirements of clause 18(b) by reporting against the indicators in the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A of the Agreement). This will include at a minimum, the compulsory measures.</p> <p>Compulsory measures</p> <p><i>Homelessness</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of unassisted requests for services, split by accommodation and other services • Number and proportion of clients with an identified need for services who were not provided or referred to those services, split by accommodation and other services • Number and proportion of clients at risk of homelessness who receive assistance and avoid homelessness • Number and proportion of clients who return to homelessness after achieving housing <p><i>Social housing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of social housing dwellings at 30 June: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs
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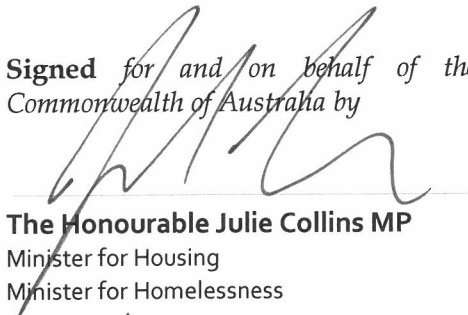
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	<p>South Australia will report annually how they have met the requirements of the Agreement using the template in the Agreement (Schedule B).</p> <p>Due to different accounting processes for budget allocations and year-end financial reporting requirements, forecast / allocated figures will be estimated for the purpose of Statement of Assurance reporting.</p>
Additional terms	<p>This Schedule is an agreement that is a supplementary housing agreement for the purposes of Section 15C of the <i>Federal Financial Relations Act 2009</i> (Cth) (the FFR Act) (Clause 9 of the primary agreement refers).</p>

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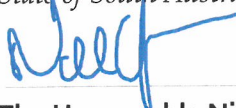


The Honourable Julie Collins MP

Minister for Housing
Minister for Homelessness

[5] [6] [24]

Signed for and on behalf of the
State of South Australia by



The Honourable Nick Champion MP

Minister for Housing and Urban
Development, Minister for Housing
Infrastructure,
Minister for Planning

[5] [6] [24]

Tasmania

NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL HOUSING AND
HOMELESSNESS - BILATERAL SCHEDULE**Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule**

Parties	Commonwealth Tasmania						
Duration	This Schedule will commence when the Commonwealth and Tasmania sign the schedule and is expected to expire on 30 June 2029. It will be reviewed by 30 June 2026. It can also be changed at any time with the agreement of both parties.						
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will help people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and support the effective operation of Tasmania’s social housing and homelessness services sectors.</p> <p>In committing to this Schedule, the Parties acknowledge their mutual interest in preventing homelessness and improving social housing in Tasmania, with particular regard to people experiencing disproportionate housing inequality and disadvantage.</p>						
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Tasmania of \$195.3M in respect of this Schedule.						
	Table 1 (\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total
	General Funding	29.72	30.40	31.07	31.69	32.33	155.21
	Specified Homelessness Funding	7.67	7.85	8.02	8.18	8.35	40.08
	Tasmania - matched homelessness funding	7.67	7.85	8.02	8.18	8.35	40.08
	Note: Totals subject to change based on parameter updates. Note: National Cabinet agreed on 10 May 2024 that no jurisdiction would be worse off in nominal terms compared to 2023-24 under the NASHH.						

	<p>As per Clause 56 of the NASHH, the Commonwealth's total financial contribution will be indexed annually to Wage Cost Index 1. The actual financial assistance is subject to change based on updates to Wage Cost Index 1 as part of the Commonwealth Budget processes.</p>										
Outputs	<p>Housing and Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>Tasmania meets the requirements of clause 18(a) of the Agreement through the following publicly available documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tasmanian Housing Strategy 2023-2043 - Housing Strategy (tasmanianhousingstrategy.tas.gov.au) <p>The Parties acknowledge the provisions under the Federal Financial Relations Act 2009 Section 15 C 9.</p> <p>National Outcomes Framework</p> <p>Tasmania will meet the requirements of clause 18(b) by reporting against the indicators in the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A of the Agreement). This will include the compulsory measures.</p> <p>Compulsory measures</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Homelessness</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Measure</th><th>Data</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Number of unassisted requests for services, split by accommodation and other services</td><td>Specialist Homelessness Services Collection (SHSC), AIHW, Table UNASSISTED.2 RoGS.19A.8</td></tr> <tr> <td>Number and proportion of clients with an identified need for services who were not provided or referred to those services, split by accommodation and other services</td><td>SHSC, AIHW, Table CLIENTS.24 RoGS, Table 19A.7</td></tr> <tr> <td>Number and proportion of clients at risk of homelessness who receive assistance and avoid homelessness</td><td>NHHA Indicator (i) SHSC, AIHW, Table I_Client_1</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Homelessness		Measure	Data	Number of unassisted requests for services, split by accommodation and other services	Specialist Homelessness Services Collection (SHSC), AIHW, Table UNASSISTED.2 RoGS.19A.8	Number and proportion of clients with an identified need for services who were not provided or referred to those services, split by accommodation and other services	SHSC, AIHW, Table CLIENTS.24 RoGS, Table 19A.7	Number and proportion of clients at risk of homelessness who receive assistance and avoid homelessness	NHHA Indicator (i) SHSC, AIHW, Table I_Client_1
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Social Housing	
Measure	Data
Number of social housing dwellings at 30 June: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs	RoGS Table 18A.3 Housing Assistance in Australia, AIHW, Table DWELLINGS.2
Change in the number of social housing dwellings from previous year	RoGS Table 18A.3 Housing Assistance in Australia, AIHW, Table DWELLINGS.2
Proportion of overcrowded households: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs	RoGS Table 18A.30-33 Housing Assistance in Australia, AIHW, Table SUITABILITY.1
Proportion of households with at least four working facilities and not more than two major structural problems: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs	RoGS Table 18A.41-55

Any changes to the reporting arrangements will be agreed by parties to the bilateral schedule (the Commonwealth and Tasmania).

	<p>Statements of Assurance</p> <p>Tasmania will report annually how they have met the requirements of the Agreement using the template in the Agreement (Schedule B). Where possible, this will draw from existing reporting to ensure no duplication of effort and reduce burden on service delivery providers.</p> <p><u>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tasmania remains genuinely committed to the Priority Reforms of the National Agreement on Closing The Gap. <p><u>Data Collection and Governance of Data Improvements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per Clause C6 of the Agreement, the Parties agree that the provision of any data, including but not limited to the Specialist Homelessness Services Collection (SHSC) unit record data, will at all times be consistent with legislative and privacy arrangements governing the use and disclosure of data.
Additional terms	<p>This Schedule is an agreement that is a supplementary housing agreement for the purposes of Section 15C of the <i>Federal Financial Relations Act 2009</i> (Cth) (the FFR Act) (Clause 9 of the primary agreement refers).</p>

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

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Minister for Housing
Minister for Homelessness

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The Honourable Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Housing and Planning

[5] [6] [24]

Australian Capital Territory

NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS - BILATERAL SCHEDULE

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Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Australian Capital Territory of \$157.43m in respect of this Schedule.</p> <table><tr><th>Table 1 (\$ million)</th><th>2024-25</th><th>2025-26</th><th>2026-27</th><th>2027-28</th><th>2028-29</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>- General Funding</td><td>24.34</td><td>24.90</td><td>25.45</td><td>25.96</td><td>26.48</td><td>127.12</td></tr><tr><td>- Specified Homelessness Funding</td><td>5.80</td><td>5.94</td><td>6.07</td><td>6.19</td><td>6.31</td><td>30.31</td></tr><tr><td>Australian Capital Territory - matched homelessness funding</td><td>5.80</td><td>5.94</td><td>6.07</td><td>6.19</td><td>6.31</td><td>30.31</td></tr></table> <p>Note: Totals subject to change based on parameter updates.</p>	Table 1 (\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total	- General Funding	24.34	24.90	25.45	25.96	26.48	127.12	- Specified Homelessness Funding	5.80	5.94	6.07	6.19	6.31	30.31	Australian Capital Territory - matched homelessness funding	5.80	5.94	6.07	6.19	6.31	30.31
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	<p>As per Clause 56 of the NASHH, the Commonwealth's total financial contribution will be indexed annually to Wage Cost Index 1. The actual financial assistance is subject to change based on updates to Wage Cost Index 1 as part of the Commonwealth Budget processes.</p>
Outputs	<p>Housing and Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>The Australian Capital Territory meets the requirements of clause 18(a) of the Agreement through the following publicly available documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT Housing Strategy <p>This strategy sets out the following vision: the ACT Housing Strategy will encourage and promote a housing market that meets the diverse and changing needs of the Canberra community, and enables a sustainable supply of housing for individuals and families at all income levels.</p> <p>It includes the following goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An equitable, diverse and sustainable supply of housing for the ACT community • Reducing homelessness • Strengthening social housing assistance • Increasing affordable rental housing • Increasing affordable home ownership. <p>The disproportionate disadvantage faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is addressed in the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2019-2028, which includes housing as a significant focus area.</p> <p>The Australian Capital Territory has announced changes to social housing stock as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing and Renewing Public Housing, which has targets to renew 1,000 existing public housing dwellings and grow the public housing portfolio by 400 dwellings. • Housing Strategic Action Plan, which includes an ongoing commitment to public, community and affordable housing targets in annual land releases and investigating purchase options for Community Housing Providers. • Implementation of various national programs and agreements included in the Commonwealth's Homes for Australia plan.

National Outcomes Framework

The Australian Capital Territory will meet the requirements of clause 18(b) by reporting against the indicators in the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A of the Agreement). This will include at a minimum, the compulsory measures.

Where these measures are already produced in existing reports (e.g. Specialist Homelessness Services Collection, AIHW, Report on Government Services, Annual Reports) the data will be replicated and not reported against a different time horizon and/or methodology.

Compulsory measures

Homelessness

- Number of unassisted requests for services, split by accommodation and other services
- Number and proportion of clients with an identified need for services who were not provided or referred to those services, split by accommodation and other services
- Number and proportion of clients at risk of homelessness who receive assistance and avoid homelessness
- Number and proportion of clients who return to homelessness after achieving housing *N.B. This is currently measured over 24-months and will continue to be so.*

Social housing

- Number of social housing dwellings at 30 June: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs
- Change in the number of social housing dwellings from previous year
- Proportion of overcrowded households: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs
- Proportion of households with at least four working facilities and not more than two major structural problems: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs

	<p>Other (non-compulsory) measures</p> <p>The Australian Capital Territory will not report against the following non-compulsory measures in the National Outcomes Framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and proportion of clients who are satisfied with the service they receive from homelessness service providers, noting data is currently unavailable for this measure. • Non-compulsory measures that are reported publicly elsewhere (e.g. Specialist Homelessness Services Collection, AIHW, Report on Government Services, Annual Reports). <p>Statements of Assurance</p> <p>The Australian Capital Territory will report annually how they have met the requirements of the Agreement using the template in the Agreement (Schedule B).</p> <p>As there are instances where the Territory's accounting systems do not allow for the disaggregation of data in the manner specified in Schedule B, the following alternative formats are agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent with expenditure reporting in the Report of Government Services, expenditure on State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) and Indigenous community housing and community housing may be reported as 'not applicable' in Table 1B. • If 'SHS administrative costs' (Table 1B) cannot be disaggregated from general housing and homelessness administrative costs, this may be reported as the total of general housing and homelessness administrative costs with an explanation in the 'Additional context' column. • If 'Acquisition costs' (Table 1B) cannot be disaggregated from other capital expenditure, it may be reported as 'not available' or in another row with an explanation in the 'Additional context' column. <p>Where other incompatibilities exist between the Territory's accounting and data management systems and the information being requested, the ACT work with Commonwealth officials to agree an alternative format and will use the "additional context" column to explain these instances.</p>
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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by


The Honourable Julie Collins MP

Minister for Housing

Minister for Homelessness

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Signed for and on behalf of the
Australian Capital Territory by


Yvette Berry MLA

Minister for Housing and Suburban
Development

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Northern Territory

NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS - BILATERAL SCHEDULE

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Duration	This Schedule will commence when the Commonwealth and Northern Territory sign the schedule and is expected to expire on 30 June 2029. It will be reviewed by 30 June 2026. It can also be changed at any time with the agreement of both parties.																																		
Purpose	This Schedule will help people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and support the effective operation of Northern Territory’s social housing and homelessness services sectors. In committing to this Schedule, the Parties acknowledge their mutual interest in preventing homelessness and improving social housing in Northern Territory, with particular regard to people experiencing disproportionate housing inequality and disadvantage.																																		
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Outputs	<p>Housing and Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>Northern Territory meets the requirements of clause 18(a) of the Agreement through the following publicly available documents:</p> <p>NT Housing Strategy 2020-2025.pdf</p> <p>Northern Territory Homelessness Strategy 2018-23</p> <p>It is intended that the next NT Homelessness Strategy be aligned to the National Housing and Homelessness Plan, with both documents currently under development. The NT Strategy is anticipated to be published by the end of 2024.</p> <p>The Homelessness strategy sets out the following reforms and initiatives that will contribute to reducing homelessness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of accommodation options (i.e., short-term, medium-term and crisis accommodation) • Support services to access, retain and transition into independent and long term accommodation • Support services that help to establish family connections / or peer support networks, build capacity for independent living, and increase levels of engagement in education, training, employment and community life • Intensive case management, counselling, referrals and support to avert homelessness • Support services for people living in accommodation where their tenancies may be at risk (urban and remote tenancy support/living strong program). • Assisting to gain skills to maintain and sustain independent tenancies • Aftercare support for individuals that have exited an institutional setting • Outreach services linking clients to support, including; legal; health; financial; Services Australia; and housing and education • Private rental brokerage and financial assistance (bond, emergency support) programs • Community care and inclusion programs such as Dignity services, Drop-in-centres and Hubs • Place based accommodation and support provided through regional delivery and assertive outreach. <p>The disproportionate disadvantage faced by First Nations people is addressed by various Northern Territory specific initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General reform initiatives including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Aboriginal Affairs Strategy (Everyone Together) ○ Closing the Gap Implementation Plan
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- Housing initiatives including:
 - Empowerment of First Nations controlled peak organisations (Eg Aboriginal Housing NT)
 - Local Decision Making Agreements
 - Aboriginal Procurement Principles
 - Aboriginal influenced governance structures including the Joint Steering Committee for Remote Housing
- Homelessness initiatives including (but not limited to):
 - Accommodation and support services that are culturally appropriate and meet the needs of individuals and families
 - Support services with the aim to successfully transition from rough sleeping to stable accommodation through case management and wrap around support
 - Support services and tenancy sustainability programs for people living in accommodation where their tenancies may be at risk
 - Overcrowding support initiatives and accommodation (visitor parks, short stay accommodation and emergency/ short term accommodation brokerage)

Northern Territory Community Housing Growth Strategy 2022-32

The Northern Territory has a strong focus on investing in sector growth (under both an urban/regional stream and a remote stream) to improve the long-term sustainability of the social and affordable housing system. The Strategy includes a commitment to transfer up to 40 per cent of urban public housing assets (approximately 2000 assets) between 2022 and 2026.

National Outcomes Framework

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Compulsory measures

Homelessness

- Number of unassisted requests for services, split by accommodation and other services

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Other (non-compulsory) measures

Northern Territory does **not** intend to report against the following non-compulsory measures in the National Outcomes Framework as these are produced in existing reports (SHSC, AIHW, ROGS, Annual Reports). The reported data is not intended to be replicated or prepared against a different time scale or methodology for the purpose of this Agreement:

Number and proportion of clients who were homeless at the first presentation who are in stable housing at the end of support	SHSC, AIHW, table CLIENTS.31
Number and proportion of clients who are satisfied with the service they receive from homelessness service providers	Data currently unavailable for this measure
Proportion of renting households in the bottom two income quintiles paying more than 30% of income on rent	RoGS Table GA.2 Survey of Income and Housing, ABS
Number of people experiencing homelessness who present to homelessness services	SHSC, AIHW, CLIENTS.11
Number of people experiencing homelessness per 10,000 people in the	Census of Population and Housing, ABS (5-yearly)

	<div> <div>population</div> <div>RoGS Table 19A.2</div> </div> <p>Any changes to the reporting arrangements related to the outcomes framework for the National Plan on Housing and Homelessness (once developed) will be agreed by parties to this bilateral schedule.</p> <p>Statements of Assurance</p> <p>Northern Territory will report annually how they have met the requirements of the Agreement using the template in the Agreement (Schedule B).</p>
[Additional terms]	<p>This Schedule is an agreement that is a supplementary housing agreement for the purposes of Section 15C of the <i>Federal Financial Relations Act 2009</i> (Cth) (the FFR Act) (Clause 9 of the primary agreement refers).</p>

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The Honourable Julie Collins MP

Minister for Housing

Minister for Homelessness

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The Honourable Ngaree Ah Kit MLA

Minister for Urban Housing

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