Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: NPAH

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Senator Waters, Larissa asked:

Please provide a list of services funded under NPAH which provide services to persons experiencing DV.

Answer:

Under the 2014-15 National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH), the Commonwealth has given priority to women and children experiencing domestic and family violence, and youth homelessness. State and territory governments have the flexibility to determine where frontline homelessness services are located, which service providers are contracted, and the amount of funding each service provider receives.

Final Project Plans for each jurisdiction are published on the Council on Federal Financial Relations website at www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/housing.aspx. Project Plans provide details of the services funded, the initiatives they are funded under, and outputs these initiatives aim to address, including initiatives for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence. Noting that people experiencing domestic and family violence may access any of the specialist homelessness services provided under the NPAH.

The Commonwealth Budget forward estimates did not make any provision for NPAH funding beyond 30 June 2014. The current government provided funding for the NPAH for 2014-15 and 2015-17.