

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Topic: Housing and Homelessness

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Senator Payne asked:

Please provide a detailed breakdown of the \$20 billion the Government has expended since 2008 on housing and homelessness. Also, how much of it has been and is forecast to be spent in each of the financial years since 2008.

Answer:

Please refer to Table A for a breakdown of expenditure the Government has spent on housing and homelessness programs since 2008, including forecast amounts. Table B provides a breakdown of homelessness spending by initiative, as provided at 2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings.

Table A - Spending on Commonwealth and homelessness housing programs (in \$ million) since 2008-09.

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Social Housing Initiative (1)	260	3,922	1,294	162	-
National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing (2)	200	199	1	-	-
National Affordable Housing Specific Purpose Payment (3)	586	1,203	1,222	1,243	1,265
National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (4)	277	731	799	896	370
National Rental Affordability Scheme (5) (6)	2	7	18	47	132
Building Better Regional Cities	-	-	-	30	35
Commonwealth Rent Assistance	2,621	2,941	3,133	3,354	3,525
Housing Affordability Fund (7)	50	76	46	108	76
National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness	24	96	131	132	157
Housing Assistance and Homelessness Prevention	55	82	16	12	13
Youth Homelessness	24	24	24	24	24
Yearly total	4,099	9,281	6,683	6,007	5,597
Cumulative total	4,099	13,380	20,063	26,070	31,667

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Notes to Table A:

- (1) The Social Housing Initiative provided \$5.638 billion over the three and a half years from 2008 to 2012. Funding has now finished for this program.
- (2) The National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing provided \$400 million over three and a half years from 2008 to 2011. Funding has now finished for the program.
- (3) The National Affordable Housing SPP commenced on 1 January 2009 and the Specific Purpose payment in 2009 was for the six months to June. Funding is ongoing under this agreement.
- (4) The total funding allocation for the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing is \$5.5 billion over 10 years, finishing in 2017-18. This allocation includes the Commonwealth's Own Purpose Expenditure (COPE) which includes funding for a range of housing related programs.
- (5) Please note there are two parts to the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) forward estimates – for FAHCSIA and for the Australian Tax Office (ATO) – as the NRAS incentive is provided as a cash payment or a refundable tax offset.
- (6) NRAS actuals are shown from 2008-09 to 2010-11. The figure for 2011-12 is the appropriation (not the actuals) for FAHCSIA and the ATO.
- (7) The total allocation for the Housing Affordability Fund is \$413.35 million from 2008-09 to 2012-13. A total of \$352.543 million in administered funds have been paid by the program to date (October 2012) including \$4.952 million for this financial year. The breakdown for the expenditure and remaining commitment for 2012-13, as at end October 2012, is provided below:

2012-13 Expenditure (\$m)	2012-13 Commitments (\$m)
4.952	60.837

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Table B - New Homelessness Initiatives since 2008

current as at 30 January 2012

Initiative	Commonwealth Homelessness funding since 2008
Homeless Specific Programs	
National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (excluding A Place to Call Home)	\$400 million
A Place to Call Home (a component of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness)	\$150 million
National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing	\$200 million (out of \$400 million based on expected 50% allocation to homeless/ at risk of homelessness)
Nation Building Economic Stimulus Package – Social Housing Initiative	\$2,926 million (out of \$5.6 billion based on expected allocation to homeless/ at risk of homelessness)
National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing	\$970 million (out of \$1.94 billion based on the target of reducing the incidence of homelessness in remote Australia of 50 % by 2018)
East Kimberley Development Project (social housing component)	\$30 million
Aged Care Capital (for elderly homeless)	\$37.7 million (DoHA)
Community Legal Centres	\$2.24 million (AG's)
Personal Helpers and Mentors	\$10 million (FaHCSIA MHB)
Jobs Fund – Get Communities Working	\$8.0 million
Total	\$4,733.94 million (4.7 billion)
Other Initiatives with positive impact for reducing homelessness	
National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-22	\$86.1 million
Emergency Relief/Commonwealth Financial Counselling	\$99.1 million
Innovation Fund (employment services)	\$4.0 million – to help homeless job seekers
Headspace	\$324 million
Total	\$513.2 million (0.5 billion)
Grand Total	\$5,247.14 million (\$5.2 billion)