

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Rent Assistance

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Senator Siewert asked:

How much is spent on Rent Assistance in 2011-12 by the Commonwealth Government and how much assistance is provided in each state and territory?

Answer:

Commonwealth Rent Assistance Expenditure¹ by State and Territory 2011-12

State or Territory	(\$ Millions)
NSW	1,137.7
VIC	735.6
QLD	849.5
SA	243.5
WA	259.9
TAS	86.8
NT	15.9
ACT	25.1
AUS ²	3,354.0

1. Actual expenditure on Rent Assistance is reported at a national level. The state and territory breakdown is estimated by apportioning national expenditure to states and territories based on the amount of fortnightly rent assistance payments paid to recipients in each state and territory over the financial year.

2. Source: 2011-12 FaHCSIA Annual Report.