

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 50

Topic: Homelessness

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Senator Payne asked:

How much discretionary funding does the Commonwealth Government currently have for homelessness measures?

Answer:

The Australian Government provides discretionary funding under the National Homelessness Strategy. The National Homelessness Strategy aims to:

- Provide a strategic framework that will improve collaboration and linkages between existing programmes and services, to improve outcomes for clients and reduce the incidence of homelessness;
- Identify best practice models, which can be promoted and replicated, that will enhance existing homelessness policies and programmes;
- Build the capacity of the community sector to improve linkages and networks; and
- Raise awareness of the issue of homelessness throughout all areas and levels of government and in the community.

The purpose of the National Homelessness Strategy is to assist governments and services build new and innovative ways to help people who are vulnerable to homelessness through funding initiatives which meet the aims of the Strategy.

The total appropriation for 2010-11 is \$2,746,000. \$8,252 remains uncommitted as at 4 April 2011.