

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 94

Topic: Supported Accommodation - 2008 Promise of 313 Places

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

On my travels I've seen many examples of supported accommodation places being built, particularly those built with privately-raised funds, and then lying vacant when State Governments don't provide the individual support packages.

Does the Government have an agreement with the States that new places funded with Commonwealth money will be guaranteed to be provided with individual support packages?

Answer:

Under the Capital Works Funding Memorandum of Understanding, State and Territory Governments have undertaken to provide new Supported Accommodation Facilities by 30 June 2012.

Under the Capital Works Funding Memorandum of Understanding, State and Territory Governments have agreed to ensure new Supported Accommodation facilities will be utilised to provide supported accommodation places for people with disability in need of supported accommodation, particularly those with older carers. The Capital Works Funding Memorandum of Understanding does not specify what model State and Territory Governments will use to fund the accommodation support needed. Some occupants will be receiving 'individual support packages' or 'individualised support packages' whereas others will have accommodation support provided through other types of funding arrangements.