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Topic: National Rental Affordability Scheme

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Senator Payne asked:

SEWPAC, in QoN 62, provided information on the number and size of dwellings under NRAS, state by state. Almost 7,000 were approved in Queensland, over 6,500 in Victoria, yet only 3,217 were approved in NSW. Can you explain to the committee the reasons for the discrepancy in incentives approved compared with the population of states?

Answer:

The assessment of National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) applications is undertaken jointly between the Commonwealth and state and territory governments, with state and territory governments determining the number of dwellings to be supported in each area, based on their local needs and their priorities for affordable housing.