

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 2

**Question No:** 311

**Topic:** National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA)

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator McLucas** asked:

I refer to comments made during estimates hearing on 27/2/14 regarding the NAHA.

Page 65 - "he asked for people to write to him if they have views on how those programs can be improved. That is the stage we are at at the moment. It is a consultation phase at the moment.

"Page 71 - "The minister at that time sought a response from people on those. At the moment, he is considering the responses received or any others he may receive."

Is this the only consultation process underway regarding potential changes to the NAHA?  
Will there be a formal consultation process? If so, when will submissions open?

Are there any terms of reference?

Has the Minister written to organisations and individuals in the housing and homelessness sectors requesting their input or proposals about potential changes to the NAHA into the future? If so, who? How many submissions have been received?

Has the Minister written to his state and territory counterparts requesting their input or proposals about potential changes to the NAHA into the future? Have any submissions been received?

**Answer:**

At the National Housing Conference on 1 November 2013, the Minister invited the sector and state and territory governments to contact him with their views on housing and homelessness policy. The Minister has received correspondence from two states and two non-government organisations so far. The Government is considering options in relation to any further processes for obtaining views.