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Topic: National Rental Affordability Scheme

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Senator Payne asked:

Why aren't the more current NRAS figures published at the time that they become available?

Answer:

NRAS figures are published in the Department's Annual Report and Portfolio Budget Statement within the legislative timeframe in accordance with Section 57 of *Financial Management and Accountability (FMA) Act 1997* and *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998*.

Additionally, the Department publishes NRAS Monthly Performance Reports to provide detailed performance data to state and territory governments, approved participants and other stakeholders. The NRAS Monthly Performance report is prepared from both internal and external data which requires a thorough quality assurance process to ensure accuracy of information. Approved participants have the ability to input information from their dwellings directly in the Department's IT System and this information then requires checking and delegation approval before it is made available for publication.