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Topic: Stock Transfer

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Senator Payne asked:

In May 2009, states and territories agreed on a target of transferring up to 75 per cent of the housing stock funded under the Social Housing Initiative to the community housing sector within the following five years. Can the department provide an update on progress towards that goal? Of Social Housing Initiative housing stock that has been transferred, how much has been transferred with title, and how much has been transferred for the purposes of tenancy management alone?

Answer:

In May 2009, Housing Ministers agreed that States and Territories would transfer up to 75 per cent of the dwellings built under stage 2 of the Social Housing Initiative (SHI) to the community housing sector by 2014.

In June 2013, the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs requested information from the states and territories on progress with the transfer of properties. The following information was received:

Jurisdiction	No. transferred with title to date*	No. transferred for tenancy management alone	Total
NSW	2,737	2,926	5,663
VIC	2,438	951	3,389
QLD	1,360	2,579	3,939
SA	619	0	619
WA	1,273	54	1,327
TAS	231	249	480
ACT	46	56	102
NT	110	64	174
TOTAL	8,814	6,879	15,693

* Includes where community housing providers already had title and were provided funding directly under the SHI for construction

This indicates that to date, 79 per cent of all dwellings (Stage 1 and 2) to be constructed under the SHI have already been transferred to the community housing sector including 45 per cent title transfer* and 35 per cent where tenancy management alone was transferred. Jurisdictions have therefore already exceeded the transfer target.