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Topic: National Industry Development Framework for Community Housing

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Senator Payne asked:

Under the National Industry Development Framework states and territories have committed to put resources into capacity building for the community housing sector. 1. Can the department provide any information on how much funding will be provided, and where the funds will come from (the Commonwealth or the states, or both, or other sources)? 2. Can the department confirm that this funding is distinct from the separate fund for resourcing the sector to transition to the new National Regulatory System? 3. What will the funds under the NIDF be used for?

Answer:

Any funding commitments made under the National Industry Development Framework (NIDF) are the responsibility of States and Territories.

Commonwealth funding has been provided to Housing NSW for implementation of the National Regulatory System for community housing (NRSCH). This funding is distinct from any funding that jurisdictions may decide to provide for the NIDF, however there are some overlaps in objectives between the two initiatives. These overlaps are primarily industry regulation, governance, capacity building and workforce development within the community housing sector.

The NIDF is intended to be used as a high-level planning document to guide future industry development at the jurisdictional level. Currently it is anticipated that jurisdictional level funding and priorities for the sector will be determined by State and Territory Governments.