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Topic: National Industry Development Framework for Community Housing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

How, if at all, is the department working with the community housing sector to determine what is needed in terms of funding and capacity building in each jurisdiction?

Answer:

The department is working, in a number of ways, with organisations such as the Community Housing Federation of Australia (CHFA) to gain a further understanding of issues in the community housing sector including funding and capacity building across jurisdictions. This work includes:

- Provision of funding to CHFA to represent, and provide advice on, the community housing sector;
- Meeting with CHFA regarding sector issues, including attending provider forums;
- The public consultation process on the development of the National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH);
- Cooperating with states and territories to ensure the NRSCH is implemented in a way which facilitates capacity building, training and the provision of information resources;
- The broad framework, provided by the National Industry Development Fund (NIDF), to support capacity building, training and industry development for the community housing sector.