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Topic: National Industry Development Framework for Community Housing

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Senator Payne asked:

In your answer no. 92 provided after the last estimates hearings in February 2013, you said that feedback from stakeholders on a draft of the NIDF "raised concerns regarding the lack of commitment by jurisdictions on implementation, accountability and key policy and funding levers as well as requesting changes to sections on workforce development and Indigenous community housing organisations." What, if anything, is being done to respond to these concerns?

Answer:

The NIDF is a high level document for which States and Territories have overall responsibility. The Commonwealth continues to work with States and Territories to implement the National Regulatory System for community housing.

From the Select Council on Housing and Homelessness meeting on 28 March 2013, the Communiqué announced the public release of the NIDF. The public release document incorporated some of the feedback gained by the sector at the consultation session.

Changes made to the NIDF which was presented to the Select Council on Housing and Homelessness on 28 March 2013 included:

- the addition of workforce development as a key area within the NIDF; and
- a more explicit acknowledgement that the NIDF covers Aboriginal community housing organisations.

The reference to the Aboriginal community housing sector is included as part of the NIDF's acknowledgement of the diversity of the community housing sector and the need to identify opportunities for capacity development and mechanisms for quality improvement in that context.