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Topic: Supported Accommodation Innovation Fund

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

I'm trying to understand the variability in the amounts of a number of the grants that have been provided to organisations under the Supported Accommodation Innovation Fund. To give an example, Supported Housing Ltd has been granted two grants; one for \$2,271,468 in the location of Marshall and one for \$1,712,414 in the location of Bairnsdale (both in Victoria) - these grants appear to be for the same thing, ie "seven supported accommodation places in a range of dwelling types". Compare this with the North Coast Community Housing Company Limited who were also granted two grants for "four supported accommodation places in self-contained units" in Alstonville and Murwillumbah. These two grants were for the same amount of \$660,000. Could you please explain why there is such a significant variability in the amount of some grants when they appear to be for the same number and type of accommodation places (as in the Supported Housing Ltd example given above) and located in the same state and provided to the same organisation?

Answer:

Variability in grant amounts for similar projects is due to a variety of factors. Capital costs associated with land acquisition are the primary reasons for project pricing variations. Third party capital injections have also contributed to the cost disparity between projects.