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Topic: Social Housing Initiative

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Senator Payne asked:

When did you become aware that the NSW Social Housing Initiative Projects were to be retendered and were not to make their completion dates?

Please provide a comprehensive response on the status of these projects.

Please provide advice about what is happening with respect to the proper payment of those contractors or their further engagement, if that is the decision that has been undertaken.

Answer:

On 23 November 2011 FaHCSIA was advised the tender would not proceed and had been replaced by a new broader tender process to complete all sites affected by builders entering administration.

FaHCSIA's understanding of the current status is as follows:

- The New South Wales Government has called for expressions of interest for the completion of sites affected by builders entering administration. The scope of works includes all design and construction work necessary to complete the incomplete works left by former contractors.
- All contractors invited to apply for selection must be best practice accredited and prequalified in the building works category of the Department of Finance and Services Contractor Prequalification and Best Practice Accreditation Scheme 2011-14. All of these builders have demonstrated the ability to deliver projects of this type on time and on budget.
- Expression of interest submissions closed on 29 November 2011 and a tender is expected to be awarded by the end of February 2012. The delivery of the remaining dwellings is targeted for completion by the end of June 2012.
- Outstanding payments to subcontractors is a matter for the NSW Government, however it is FaHCSIA's understanding that a list of all subcontractors who were previously engaged on these jobs will be provided to the shortlisted tenderers.