

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**Outcome Number: 2**

**Question No: 500**

**Topic: HAF**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Payne** asked:

With respect to the Housing Affordability Fund, the Annual Report notes that housing will continue to be built once infrastructure works have been completed. Can you please advise on the forecast and targets for the completion of housing built under HAF infrastructure projects and an indication of, therefore, when homebuyers will see the savings that are supposed to be passed on under the program. Can you please also update the committee on the status of development reform projects under HAF?

**Answer:**

The Housing Affordability Fund (HAF) has delivered savings on over 3,000 dwellings/lots as at 30 September 2012. We expect to see this rise to savings on over 7,000 dwellings/lots by 2015, and savings on over 10,000 dwellings/lots by the conclusion of the HAF program in December 2028, in accordance with obligations and timeframes for the delivery of dwellings/lots under individual HAF funding agreements.

A summary of expected completion timeframes for dwellings/lots per financial year is provided in the table below.

	<b>To 30 September 2012</b>	<b>To June 2013</b>	<b>To June 2014</b>	<b>To June 2015</b>	<b>Beyond June 2015</b>	<b>Delivery date not specified</b>
<b>Dwellings / lots sold with savings attached - cumulative total</b>	3,057	6,035	6,753	7,137	8,303	10,226
<b>Total dwellings / lots being brought forward - cumulative total *</b>	3,057	7,292	9,275	10,078	19,004	26,242

\* Includes dwellings/lots sold with savings attached

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Of the 23 development reform projects funded by the Housing Affordability Fund:

- Fourteen are complete:
  - Electronic Development Assessment (eDA) Projects - NSW, QLD, NT, VIC, ACT, TAS, SA, WA/National Coordination Office, WA
  - Target 5 Days (QLD)
  - Next Generation Planning (QLD)
  - Liveable Compact Cities (QLD)
  - Reform of Planning Policies and Procedures (WA)
  - Facilitating Affordable Housing Supply in Inner City Sydney (NSW)
  
- Eight are on track:
  - Precinct Structure Planning for the Ballarat West Growth Area (VIC)
  - Growth Areas Authority (VIC)
  - Villawood East Estate Renewal Master Plan Project (NSW)
  - Chester Hill Local Area Plan and Group Asset Plan project (NSW)
  - Prospect Urban Renewal Master Plan (NSW)
  - Redfern Waterloo Master Plan (NSW)
  - South Randwick Urban Renewal Master Plan Project (NSW)
  - Wentworthville Townhouse Urban Renewal Master Plan Project (NSW)
  
- One is on hold:
  - Infrastructure Rebate Scheme (QLD)

The Infrastructure Rebate Scheme in Queensland is on hold due to the withdrawal of funding for the Scheme by Brisbane City Council, in response to the Queensland Government capping infrastructure charges which Councils may levy on developers. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is in discussion with Council regarding the viability of this project.