

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 391

Topic: Commonwealth Rental Assistance

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Senator McLucas asked:

Will the Federal Government commit to continuing CRA, and to also increasing it to reflect the rental market costs?

Answer:

Provision for Rent Assistance is included in the Budget forward estimates for income support and family payments. An estimated \$3.95 billion will be spent on Rent Assistance in 2013-14.

Commonwealth Rent Assistance is increased twice a year in March and September in line with the Consumer Price Index in response to changes in the cost of living.