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**Department/Agency: Treasury**

**Question: AET 80-88**

**Topic: COAG Council pm Federal Financial Relations meetings**

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**Senator: McLucas, Jan**

**Question:**

For all of the COAG Council on Federal Financial Relations meetings conducted from June 2014 to the present:

80. On what date/s has the COAG Council on Federal Financial Relations' agenda included issues relating to Housing and Homelessness?
81. What was the nature of the agenda item/s?
82. What is being done yet to replace the reports published by the former National Housing Supply Council?
83. What section of Treasury is undertaking this work?
84. How is the data being collected?
85. What are the sources of data for collection?
86. What methodologies are being employed to gather this data?
87. What is being done with the data collected?
88. Is this data publicly available?

**Answer:**

In relation to questions 80 & 81, the COAG Council on Federal Financial Relations has discussed a wide range of issues in the context of Commonwealth-State Federal Relations. The Council on 9 April 2015 discussed housing in general terms. The Council agreed to establish a working group on housing supply.

The Government recently announced its intention to extend homelessness funding for a further two years.

In relation to questions 82 to 88, there is no work currently underway to replace reports published by the former National Housing Supply Council.

There are several organisations that provide data and analysis on housing supply and the housing market more broadly, including the Housing Industry Association, RP data and the Real Estate Institute of Australia.

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Additionally, many researchers have undertaken substantial work on measuring housing affordability, and related issues of housing supply and demand, including the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute. The Australian Bureau of Statistics produces, and makes publically available, the Census estimates for population and the building completions and approvals data which the National Housing Supply Council used to produce its estimates of housing supply.