

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Division/Agency: Social Policy Division

Question No: 265

Topic: Affordable Housing

Reference: Written

Senator: Roberts, Malcolm

Question:

Noting that money supply inflation (on the demand side) and land restriction regulation (on the supply side) mainly drive up housing prices, is there a plan to tackle these two key drivers of unaffordable housing?

Answer:

Please refer to the responses provided for BET243 & BET245.

The states and territories have primary responsibility for housing supply, which can be improved through removing regulatory impediments imposed by state and local governments' planning, land use and housing infrastructure policies. The Government will work with states and territories and local Governments to remove unnecessary regulation and get more homes built faster.

The Government is introducing a new National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) with states and territories with a requirement for concrete outcomes that will increase the supply of new homes and improve outcomes for all Australians across the housing spectrum. The Government will provide over \$1.3 billion of annual funding and will require states and territories to deliver on housing supply targets and planning and zoning reforms.