

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

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**Division/Agency:** Social Policy Division

**Question No:** 273

**Topic:** Budget Measure 17/18 - New National Housing and Homelessness Agreement: Aggregate housing supply targets

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**Senator:** Cameron, Doug

**Question:**

1. Aggregate supply targets for new housing under the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement to commence in 2018-19 is identified in the budget papers as a priority issue. Will these targets include targets for owner occupied housing, public housing and affordable rental housing?
2. How will targets be arrived at?
3. What research and evidence will be utilised to establish the level of shortages and the targets required to meet housing shortfalls?

**Answer:**

1. Under the NHHA, funding to State and Territory governments will be linked to outcomes in priority areas including:
  - a. aggregate supply targets, including targets for social and affordable housing;
  - b. residential land planning and zoning reforms;
  - c. inclusionary zoning arrangements (land use planning intervention requiring or incentivising affordable housing including dedicated first home buyer stock);
  - d. renewal of public housing stock and transfer of public housing to community housing providers; and
  - e. homelessness services.

Bilateral schedules with clear targets will help ensure that each State and Territory is accountable for better outcomes that recognise the different housing markets in each State. These agreements will be underpinned by improved transparency and reporting and will be negotiated between the Commonwealth and each State and Territory.

2. The framework for the development of targets will be developed by the Commonwealth, states and territories. Individual supply targets will be developed by the states and territories and agreed by the Commonwealth and incorporated into bilateral schedules with consideration given to past outcomes and current and future needs.
3. Please refer to part 2 above.