

Answers to questions on notice - Inquiry into Treasury Laws
Amendment (National Housing and Homelessness
Agreement) Bill 2017

The Treasury

- Responses to written questions on notice

To what extent does the Commonwealth expect that State's housing strategies, which are necessary to qualify for NHHA funding, deal with private housing market outcomes?

State and Territory housing strategies will be required to indicate the level of housing supply needed to respond to projected housing demand, across the housing spectrum. This will require a consideration of the private housing market. The reforms and initiatives taken by a housing strategy will depend on the issues faced by each State or Territory.

To what extent is the new NHHA a departure from previous funding agreements, which have historically been targeted at social housing outcomes and the provision of homelessness services?

The NHHA is intended to span the entirety of the housing spectrum similar to the current National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA). The aspirational objective of the NAHA is that all Australians have access to affordable, safe and sustainable housing that contributes to social and economic participation (clause 6). The NAHA's outcomes include that people can purchase affordable housing and people have access to housing through an efficient and responsive housing market (clause 7, paragraphs (c) and (d)).