

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 120

**Topic:** Housing Affordability Fund

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**Senator Payne** asked:

Please provide information on what is holding up the projects that are still outstanding under the Housing Affordability Fund.

**Answer:**

Four projects that received funding offers in June 2010 had not signed funding agreements as at 16 February 2012. These projects are in Kingaroy and Palmview in Queensland, Rockingham in Western Australia, and Palmerston in the Northern Territory.

The funding offer to the City of Rockingham was withdrawn on 13 April 2012.

The delays in signing the remaining three funding agreements are due to a range of reasons relating to

- financial security, viability requirements - Palmerston;
- significant variations to project scope - Kingaroy and Palmview;
- local conditions - extreme weather caused delays in Kingaroy and progress requirements on a preceding project for Palmerston.

Each project has required ongoing negotiations and final decisions on the three remaining projects will be made shortly.