

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Question No: 340

Topic: Transfers of public housing stock to community housing organisations

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Senator Payne asked:

We have discussed in some detail the process around the transfer of state housing stock, including stimulus stock, to community housing providers. Can you please provide an update on the progress to date of transfers from both the stimulus stock, and from general state public housing stock, to the community housing sector? Please provide an indication of the rate at which this transfer is progressing, jurisdiction by jurisdiction, and an explanation as to any delays or slowing progress.

Answer:

As advised in 2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearing QoN 84, the states and territories do not provide data to the Commonwealth on the transfer of general public housing stock to community housing providers. Stock levels for public housing and community housing are reported in the Report of Government Services in January each year and reported through the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

In May 2009 Housing Ministers agreed on a target of transferring up to 75 per cent of the housing stock funded under the Social Housing Initiative to the community housing sector by 2014. States and territories were responsible for identifying the level of transfers within their jurisdiction.

The following table provides an update on the completion of dwellings identified by jurisdictions for transfer to community housing providers under the Social Housing Initiative to the end of January 2012. The table includes dwellings identified for ownership transfer and tenancy management transfer. The table does not necessarily capture the actual transfer. Generally when the construction of the identified dwellings is completed tenancy management transfer is made to the community housing organisation. Timing of the ownership transfer varies with each jurisdiction.

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	Total dwellings program	Dwellings identified for ownership and management transfer to community housing		Dwellings identified for tenancy to be managed by community housing	
		Number (%)	Number and percentage of identified completed dwellings at 31 January 2012	Number (%)	Number and percentage of identified completed dwellings at 31 January 2012
NSW	6,329	5,669 (90%)	5,391 (95%)	5,669 (90%)	5,391 (95%)
VIC	4,592	2,432 (53%)	2,097 (86%)	3,243 (71%)	2,731 (84%)
QLD	4,034	1,359 (34%)	835 (61%)	3,938 (98%)	3,169 (80%)
WA	2,085	1,280 (61%)	1,169 (91%)	1,317 (63%)	1,181 (90%)
SA	1,470	618 (42%)	598 (97%)	618 (42%)	598 (97%)
TAS	530	231 (44%)	231 (100%)	471 (89%)	421 (89%)
ACT	421	102 (24%)	102 (100%)	107 (25%)	107 (100%)
NT	208	40 (19%)	40 (100%)	138 (66%)	103 (75%)
Total	19,669	11,731 (60%)	10,463 (89%)	15,501 (79%)	13,701 (88%)

Note: Dwelling numbers are subject to change.