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Topic: National Regulatory Council (Community Housing)

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Senator McLucas asked:

The Commonwealth, States and Territories had agreed to introduce a nationally consistent regulatory system for community housing providers, which was to be the National Regulatory Council. It is subject to a intergovernmental agreement. Did the Commonwealth consult the States and Territories about their intended withdrawal from this before it occurred? If so, when did this occur?

Answer:

Commonwealth officials advised state and territory officials via National Regulatory System Working Group meetings between September 2013 and February 2014 that the Australian Government was considering its position on the National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH). Minister Andrews wrote to state and territory housing Ministers on 12 February, 2014 advising of the Commonwealth's decision to not participate in the National Regulatory Council (NRC) as regulation of the community housing sector is a matter for state and territory governments.