Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 4.1 Housing and Homelessness Question No: SQ15-000325

Topic: National Partnership on Homelessness

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Senator Xenophon, Nick asked:

In relation to the National Partnership on Homelessness, do you have a long-term plan for this agreement?

a. Has this been provided to the Government?

b. Do you support the short-term extensions currently offered by both parties, or do you support a long-term agreement?

Answer:

On 23 March 2015, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, Minister for Social Services, announced that the Australian Government will commit up to \$230 million over two years from 1 July 2015 to renew the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH). Long-term decisions about funding arrangements and the respective roles of Commonwealth, state and territory governments will be considered in the context of the White Paper on the Reform of Federation process.