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Topic: Housing Affordability Fund

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Senator Payne asked:

What is the reason for the decrease in HAF from around \$6.8 million to less than \$3 million in the forward years to 2015-16? Can you indicate if there is any change in the number of staff - whether staff will be removed and if that is how expenditure is going to be reduced and, if not, how it is to be reduced by that amount?

Answer:

The decrease in program support funding from 2013-14 and forward financial years relates to the whole of Program 2.2 - Affordable Housing and reflects the varying stages and durations of all three Affordable Housing Programs including the cessation of the Housing Affordability Fund program on 30 June 2013.

Decisions relating to staff are made at a broader departmental level taking into account departmental priorities and human resource requirements across a range of program areas as programs windup and new programs commence.