

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Social Services Portfolio**  
**2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 4**

**Question No: 11**

**Topic: Housing**

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**Senator Bishop** asked:

Are you aware of the significant concern in the industry about whether announcements in the Budget affect the immediate future of NRAS incentives allocated prior to Round 5?

a. Can you outline any communications the department has received on this point and how have you responded?

**Answer:**

The Department has received a range of feedback from the sector about the future of NRAS incentives reserved prior to Round 5.

a. The advice we have given is that incentives already allocated through the scheme will continue to be paid for up to ten years as long as eligibility requirements are met and homes in the construction pipeline are built according to agreed timeframes and in agreed locations.