

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Bishop asked:

Can you advise what "additional benefits" were extracted by state agencies in NRAS Round 5 - For example I understand in some Western Australian applications, rent discounts of up to 30% were offered?

Answer:

The Department is unable to advise on what additional benefits were extracted by state agencies in NRAS Round 5 as this information is not collected at the time of application. As NRAS Round 5 did not proceed, any "additional benefits" extracted by state agencies in NRAS Round 5 may not have been finalised.

In addition, in previous NRAS Rounds, state agencies sign separate agreements with Approved Participants for the state component of the NRAS incentives. The Department does not have access to these agreements.