# Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

## **Social Services Portfolio**

## 2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 4 Question No: 132

**Topic:** Consultation with the housing and homelessness sectors

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### Senator McLucas asked:

Which existing structures or consultative mechanisms in the portfolio have been used to consult on issues to do with housing and homelessness? Mr Pratt indicated he would take this question on notice - refer page 17 of 5/6/14 estimates transcript.

#### **Answer:**

The Government has engaged regularly with a range of housing and homelessness stakeholders across Australia, including through regular contact with peak bodies such as the Community Housing Federation of Australia, Property Council of Australia, National Shelter and Homelessness Australia, as well as interaction with service delivery organisations.

State and Territory Governments have been regularly engaged on housing and homelessness issues, including via the structures established under the Housing and Homelessness Ministers' Advisory Committee and the Housing and Homelessness Policy Research Working Group.