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Senator Lee Rhiannon asked:

What is the wage cost index and how that has been applied to the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) for Northern Territory? By how much does funding for the Northern Territory change from 2017-18 to 2018-19?

Answer:

The new National Housing and Homelessness Agreement will be indexed by the Wage Cost Index 1. The Wage Cost Index 1 comprises a safety net wage adjustment weighted by 75 per cent and the all groups Consumer Price Index weighted by 25 per cent.

This will apply to funding for all jurisdictions, including the Northern Territory.

In 2017-18, \$13.6 million will be provided to the Northern Territory under the National Affordable Housing SPP, and \$5.4 million will be provided under the National Partnership on Homelessness.

As indicated in Budget Paper 3, \$19.2 million has been allocated to the Northern Territory under the new National Housing and Homelessness Agreement for 2018-19.