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Senator Payne asked:

Please provide an update on the progress of the transfer to date from both stimulus stock and from general state public housing stock to community housing providers.

Answer:

Question 55 from the 2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings in February 2011 advised the proportion of Social Housing Initiative stock identified for ownership transfer was 62 per cent and tenancy management transfer was 80 per cent. The timing of the transfers in each jurisdiction varies but is generally expected to occur over the next two years.

The following table provides an update of the percentage of Social Housing Initiative dwellings to be transferred to the community housing sector. The national percentage of Social Housing Initiative dwellings whose tenancy will be managed by the community housing sector remains unchanged at 80 per cent, although there are some movements at the jurisdiction level. The national percentage of dwellings that will be owned by the community housing sector has decreased from 62 per cent to 61 per cent.

Minor variations to these figures are likely up until the Social Housing Initiative is complete and dwelling allocations are finalised.

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	% of SHI dwellings to be transferred to community housing sector	% of SHI dwellings - tenancy to be managed by community housing sector
NSW	90%	89%
VIC	53%	71%
QLD	34%	98%
WA	74%	74%
SA	45%	45%
TAS	54%	87%
ACT	12%	25%
NT	19%	62%
Total	61%	80%

The Commonwealth does not receive data from states and territories on the transfer of general public housing stock to community housing providers. Stock levels for public housing and community housing are reported in the Report of Government Services in January each year and reported through the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, in June 2010 there were 42,414 households in mainstream community housing (an increase of 1,428 households since 2009) and 337,177 in public housing, with community housing comprising 11.2 per cent of mainstream social housing.