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Topic: Social Housing Supply Gap

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Senator Ludlam asked:

What proportion of the total demand for social housing will be met by Government Programs by 2014? (provide the fraction of demand for social housing that will be taken up by Government schemes to 2014).

Answer:

The only data available that compare demand and supply for social housing to 2014 is the National Housing Supply Council's 2008 and 2010 State of Supply reports. The table below shows that over the period 2009 to 2014 the Council estimates that the proportion of the total demand for social housing that will met by social housing stock will increase from 81.0% in 2009 to 86.4% in 2012 and decline to 82.9% by 2014.

The data are only available for all social housing demand and supply excluding Indigenous Community Housing. The assumptions used in the Council reports do not capture any additional supply as a result of the NAHA reforms.

Year	Demand for social housing	Supply of social housing	Per cent of social housing demand met by supply
2009	494,752	400,857	81.0
2010	503,829	411,757	81.7
2011	513,051	428,957	83.6
2012	522,342	451,257	86.4
2013	531,692	450,357	84.7
2014	541,047	448,357	82.9

Source: Demand for social housing is based on social housing comprising 5.8% of total demand which reflects provision at 2006. (Table 3.2 of 2008 National Housing Supply Council's State of Supply Report and TableA2.1 of 2010 National Housing Supply Council's State of Supply Report. Supply of social housing stock from Table A5.1 of National Housing Supply Council's 2010 State of Supply Report.)