

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 346

Topic: Indigenous Housing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

In my question about funding committed but not spent (Hansard Proof, Community Affairs Legislation Committee, February 15, p63) you said this is a question for the States, but obviously the Commonwealth has an interest in what is being done with its money. Could you please find out how much has been committed but not yet expended and provide that information?

Answer:

The Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations stipulates no input controls, including financial reporting requirements, for State and Northern Territory agencies (other than for Treasuries) as National Partnerships have an outcome and output focus (Federal Financial Circular 2011/2). Payments are made in accordance with expenditure and performance reporting arrangements as set out in the National Partnership Agreement. A request for how much has been expended should be directed to individual jurisdictions.