

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 40

**Topic:** Social Housing

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**Senator Ludlam** asked:

Are there any targets or provisions for community housing organisations to access some of the land being released by the Australian Government in 2010-12 or to go in as equity partners? Does the government have a view on community housing providers having greater access to government owned land? Is there a commitment for a mandatory target for affordable housing on government released land?

**Answer:**

Community Housing Organisations have access to purchase surplus Commonwealth land where the Australian Government has determined that the land is to be disposed of on the open market and is suitable for meeting housing and community outcomes. The policy platform which supports these provisions is managed by the Department of Finance and Deregulation under the Commonwealth Property Disposals Policy (Feb 2009) (link below)

<http://www.finance.gov.au/property/lands-acquisition/commonwealth-property-disposals-policy.html>

The Department of Finance and Deregulation also maintains a Register of Surplus Commonwealth Land potentially suitable for housing and community outcomes on its website at:

<http://www.finance.gov.au/property/lands-acquisition/register-surplus-commonwealth-land.html>