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Topic: Existing Homelessness Specific Initiatives

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Senator Payne asked:

Can you please provide a breakdown of the \$5 billion being spent on homelessness referred to in the Minister's press release of 24 April?

Answer:

The attached table provides details of the allocated funding for programs and other initiatives to address homelessness which informed Minister Arbib's reference to the Australian Government increasing funding for homelessness "by almost \$5 billion" since 2008 in his media release on 24 April 2011.

New Homelessness Initiatives since 2008

current as at 24 April 2011

Initiative	Commonwealth Homelessness Funding since 2008
Homeless Specific Programs	
National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (excluding A Place to Call Home)	\$400 million
A Place to Call Home (a component of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness)	\$150 million
National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing	\$200 million (out of \$400 million based on expected 50% allocation to homeless/ at risk of homelessness)
Nation Building Economic Stimulus Package – Social Housing Initiative	\$2,926 million (out of \$5.6 billion based on expected allocation to homeless/ at risk of homelessness)
National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing	\$970 million (out of \$1.94 billion based on the target of reducing the incidence of homelessness in remote Australia of 50 % by 2018)
East Kimberley Development Project (social housing component)	\$30 million
Aged Care Capital (for elderly homeless)	\$19 million
Community Legal Centres	\$2.24 million
Personal Helpers and Mentors	\$10 million
Jobs Fund – Get Communities Working	\$8.0 million
Total	\$4715.24 million (\$4.72 billion)
Other Initiatives with positive impact for reducing homelessness	
National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-22	\$86.1 million
Emergency Relief/Commonwealth Financial Counselling	\$99.1 million
Innovation Fund (employment services)	\$4.3 million – to help homeless job seekers
Headspace	\$114.7 million
Total	\$304.2
Grand Total	\$5019.44 million (\$5.02 billion)