

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 52

Topic: Homelessness in Regional and Remote Areas

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Senator Payne asked:

Has there been an increase in the number of homelessness service places in regional and remote areas since the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness was signed?

Answer:

Each state and territory is responsible for the delivery of homelessness services to regional and remote areas within their jurisdiction. The Australian Government supports this activity through the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness, the National Affordable Housing Agreement and its own programs.

Information on service provision in regional and remote areas will next become available with the introduction of the Specialist Homelessness Services Collection, with the first report available from early 2012. The Collection will provide data by geographic divisions, client geography and the number and location of specialist homelessness services.

Data has been provided through Question on Notice 43 regarding the geographical breakdown of Supported Accommodation Assistance Programs.