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Topic: Transfer of public housing stock

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Senator Payne asked:

Are there any figures on commitments by states and territories to transfer remaining public housing stock which is non-stimulus to community housing providers? Please come back with a breakdown state by state and territory by territory.

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is aware of the following public commitments from jurisdictions on the number of dwellings to be transferred to community housing providers.

New South Wales has made a public commitment to transfer of ownership of government funded social housing to community housing providers. This includes over 5,500 properties funded through the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan and 500 properties currently under community housing management.

In May 2011, Western Australia released its Affordable Housing Strategy 2010-2020 - Opening Doors to Affordable Housing. The performance indicators include the doubling of the number of social housing dwellings under management by the community housing sector.

Tasmania has announced that the transfer of up to 4000 public housing properties to the community housing sector.