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Dear Assistant Minister *Luke*

Thank you for your letter regarding the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA).

I have attached South Australia's annual reports on the bilateral and multilateral agreements, including the statement of assurance for your consideration.

I refer to the multilateral report included in the attachment, and advise that some of the recently included requirements are not reported as South Australia does not have systems capability to provide breakdowns, and that it was not a reporting requirement under the NHHA.

South Australia is committed to improving housing and homelessness outcomes in our State and will release a State Housing and Homelessness Strategy by the end of 2019, which will outline our State priorities and inform our future State performance indicators. I look forward to our Governments continuing to work together on these issues.

I have copied this letter to the South Australian Treasurer, the Hon Rob Lucas MLC, the Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator the Hon Anne Ruston, the Minister for Housing, the Hon Michael Sukkar MP.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Lensink

Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

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Cc Treasurer, the Hon Rob Lucas MLC, Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator the Hon Anne Ruston, the Minister for Housing, the Hon Michael Sukkar MP.



South Australia Statement of Assurance – NHHA 2018-19

Clause	Requirement	Outcome / Evidence	Comments
17	<p>State / territory has met the requirements under clause 17.</p> <p>a. State/Territory has a publicly available housing strategy (or has been without a strategy for less than 18 months since July 2018)</p> <p>i) The housing strategy indicates level of supply needed to respond to projected demand</p> <p>ii) The housing strategy includes planned or expected levels of social housing</p> <p>iii) The housing strategy contributes to the housing priority policy areas</p> <p>b. State/Territory has a publicly available homelessness strategy (or has been without a strategy for less than 18 months since July 2018)</p> <p>i) The homelessness strategy addresses the priority homelessness cohorts</p> <p>ii) The homelessness strategy sets out reforms and initiatives that contribute to reducing the incidence of homelessness</p> <p>iii) The homelessness strategy incorporates the homelessness priority policy reform areas</p> <p>c. State/Territory has contributed to the data improvement plan</p>	<p>A Strategic Intent was released on 30 June 2019. .</p> <p>A Strategic Intent was released on 30 June 2019.</p>	<p>From 1 July 2018, the SA Housing Authority (the Authority) commenced operations. . The Authority is a separate statutory corporation that integrates housing-related functions formerly performed by Renewal SA and Housing SA, including strategy, service delivery and asset management.</p> <p>The Authority is in the latter stages of developing an integrated State Housing and Homelessness Strategy, expected to be publicly released by the end of 2019. . The Strategy will take a ten-year, system-wide approach to reform the State's housing and homelessness system to better respond to current and future needs.</p> <p>In late 2018, the Minister for Human Services established a Taskforce to provide advice and leadership on a strategic framework for development of a new State Strategy. For the first time, this brought together cross-sector representatives from the housing sector and industry to develop a shared housing vision for South Australia.</p> <p>The Taskforce developed a Strategic Intent, including a vision, principles and outcomes for a new system-wide State Housing and Homelessness Strategy which was publicly released in June 2019 and continues to be available on the Authority's website. Following its release, the Strategic Intent formed the basis for broader sector and public engagement towards developing a full Strategy.</p> <p>In 2018, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) was engaged to map housing supply and demand, with the final report informing the development of the Strategy.</p>
		<p>Yes</p> <p>SA has attended 10 HDDWG meetings (as at 30 September), and contributed to at least 1 detailed paper.</p>	

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	d. Match Commonwealth homelessness funding	Yes See below for evidence	
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Clause	Requirement	Evidence		Comments
37a	2018-19 funding and expenditure	State-own funding allocated (excluding NHHA) for 2018-19	State-own actual expenditure (excluding NHHA) in 2018-19	NHHA funds spent in 2018-19
	Housing total	\$590.199m	\$590.199m	\$74.37m State funding/expenditure excludes National Partnership on Remote Housing funding/expenditure of \$10.175m
	a. Public housing maintenance			South Australia is unable to provide these breakdowns due to system limitations, nor is it a reporting requirement under the NHHA.
	b. Public housing new builds			
	c. Public housing programs			
	d. Indigenous housing maintenance			
	e. Indigenous housing new builds			
	f. Indigenous housing programs			
	g. Other housing expenditure (e.g. disability housing assistance)			South Australia contributed \$35.264m to homelessness programs in 2018-19, far exceeding the NHHA matching requirement of \$9.4m.
	Homelessness total	\$35.264m	\$33.070m	
	a. Emergency accommodation			South Australia is unable to provide

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	b. Homelessness prevention programs c. Other homelessness expenditure	State-own funding allocated (excluding NHHA) for 2018-19	State-own actual expenditure (excluding NHHA) in 2018-19	NHHA funds spent in 2018-19	these breakdowns due to system limitations, nor is it a reporting requirement under the NHHA.
37a(i)	Actual 2018-19 homelessness by national priority homelessness cohorts				Comments
a.	Women and children affected by family and domestic violence		\$15.578m		Under the NHHA, disaggregation for the national priority homelessness cohorts is only required for actual expenditure (not funding). In South Australia, State and Commonwealth funds are pooled and then distributed to providers/programs accordingly. In order to avoid any duplication, where an Indigenous service provider also provided a DV service, this expenditure has been reported under (a) and not (c). South Australia is unable to provide a breakdown for (d) as these clients will be captured across all other priority cohorts. For South Australia, (g) includes generic homelessness services which deliver services to a broad range of clients. Based on clients presenting to these services, 15% can be attributable to Domestic and Family Violence services, 15% to Children's
b.	Children and young people		\$20.867m		
c.	Indigenous Australians		\$5.274m		
d.	People experiencing repeat homelessness		NA		
e.	People exiting institutions and care into homelessness		\$2.560m		
f.	Older people		\$0.534m		
g.	Other (e.g. people with disability)		\$23.521m		