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National Housing and Homelessness Agreement: South Australian Statement of Assurance 2019-20

This 2019-20 Statement of Assurance (SoA) reporting template contributes to achieving stated outcomes under the NHHA, including the following clauses:

- 15(f) Improved transparency and accountability in respect of housing and homelessness strategies, spending and outcomes.
- 23(b) Commonwealth monitoring and assessing performance under this Agreement to ensure that the outputs are delivered within agreed timeframes;
- 25(c) States providing evidence of the delivery of outputs as set out in Part 4 – Performance Monitoring and Reporting.

Counting rules:

Counting methodologies where applicable to be consistent with input you would provide for the *Report on Government Services* for housing expenditure and homelessness expenditure. This includes:

- Grants and subsidies are excluded from public housing and SOMIH expenditure data but are included in data for capital expenditure on social housing.
- Expenditure under the National Partnership Agreement for Remote Indigenous Housing or any subsequent remote housing agreement are included or excluded for each state as would be consistent with that state's reporting for table 18A.1 of the *Report on Government Services*.
- Expenditure for individual housing programs and initiatives are included or excluded for each state as would be consistent with that state's reporting for table 18A.1 of the *Report on Government Services*.

All social housing expenditure includes expenditure on public housing, SOMIH, community housing, Indigenous community housing, transitional housing and grants to community housing. Expenditure for SHS agencies, other homelessness services and home purchase assistance is excluded from this line.

Requirement	Evidence	Key changes/ reasons for variation between allocated and actual expenditure in 2019-20			
2019-20 funding and expenditure	State-own forecast expenditure (excluding NHHA) for 2019-20	State-own actual expenditure (excluding NHHA) in 2019-20	NHHA funds spent in 2019-20		
Clause 37(a) – Actual Commonwealth and state-own funding and expenditure in respect of the social housing and homelessness sectors for financial year 2019-20	Housing total	\$649.931m	\$561.538m	\$74.794m	Variation between forecast and actual State-own expenditure was the result of delayed/deferred capital expenditure (\$57m), as well as revised reporting definition (RoGS) which excludes Private Rental Assistance from State-own actual (\$31m).
	Public housing (total including maintenance)	*	\$459.990m	\$0.000m	*2019-20 forecast figures were not available in the 2018-19 SoA and are available in 2019-20 noting the newly adopted RoGS methodology.
	Public housing Maintenance	*	\$94.594m	\$0.000m	
	State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) (total including maintenance)	*	\$25.862m	\$0.000m	
	SOMIH Maintenance	*	\$5.098m	\$0.000m	
	All social housing#	*	\$512.417m	\$0.000m	
	Capital expenditure	*	\$49.121m	\$74.794m	
	Homelessness total	\$35.046m	\$37.329m	\$33.906m	Total consolidated funding by Commonwealth and State is \$71.235m as per RoGS Report. South Australia contributed \$37.329m to homelessness programs in 2019-20, far exceeding the NHHA matching requirement of \$9.6m.

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Clause 37(a)(i) - Actual Commonwealth and state-own homelessness expenditure by each of the national priority homelessness cohorts for financial year 2019-20				
a. Women and children affected by family and domestic violence	*	\$16.677m		In South Australia, State and Commonwealth funds are pooled and then distributed to providers/programs accordingly, totalling \$71.235m. Of this total \$3.735m is used as administrative support for the program.
b. Children and young people	*	\$21.030m		A further \$21.175m is allocated for generic homelessness services which deliver services to a broad range of clients. Based on clients presenting to these services, 15% can be attributed to Domestic and Family Violence Services, 15% to Children's services and 20% to Youth Services.
c. Indigenous Australians	*	\$5.444m		The balance of funds (\$46.325m) has been allocated to Homelessness cohorts as grant funding (per table to the left).
d. People experiencing repeat homelessness	*	N/A		These expenditures cannot be split between NHHA and State funding components.
e. People exiting institutions and care into homelessness	*	\$2.701m		
f. Older people	*	\$0.473m		
				*2019-20 forecast figures were not available in the 2018-19 SoA and are available in 2019-20 noting the newly adopted RoGs methodology.
Requirement	Evidence	Estimated NHHA funds to be allocated in 2020-21	Comments	
Estimated 2020-21 funding and expenditure	State-own funding allocation (excluding NHHA) for 2020-21			
Clause 37(b) – Estimated Commonwealth and state-own funding and expenditure for 2020-21				
Housing total	\$650.656m		\$75.282m	
Public housing (total including maintenance)	*		*	*Breakdown of budgeted figures using RoGS definitions are not available until end of financial year, as per RoGS reporting requirements, nor is it a requirement under the NHHA.
Public housing maintenance	*		*	
State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) (total including maintenance)	*		*	
SOMIH maintenance	*		*	

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All social housing#	\$509.714m	\$0.000m	
Capital expenditure	\$140.942m	\$75.282m	
Homelessness total	\$41.562m	\$34.918m	

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Requirement	Outcome in 2019-20	Evidence	Comments
<p>Clause 17 – Conditions which must be achieved in order to be eligible for funding under the NHHAA</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>Yes</p>	<p><u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030</u></p>	<p>Our Housing Future 2020-2030, South Australia's housing and homelessness strategy, was released in December 2019.</p>
<p>j) The housing strategy indicates level of supply needed to respond to projected demand</p>	<p>Towards the development of <u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030</u>, AHURI were engaged to map future demand. AHURI found an estimated 19,000 low income South Australians are paying more than 50% of their household income on private rental costs (of a total of 46,500 low income households in private rental stress).</p> <p>As a result the <u>Our Housing Future Strategy</u> includes a range of actions that in total will deliver 20,000 affordable housing solutions. These solutions will be composed of affordable and social housing solutions.</p> <p>An Asset Management Strategy is under development and will further consider future supply and demand.</p>	<p><u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030</u> (p23, 14)</p> <p><u>AHURI Audit of South Australia's Housing Assets and Mapping of Future Demand</u> (p8, 11)</p> <p><u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030</u> (Strategy 2, p14)</p> <p><u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030</u> (5.3, p17)</p> <p><u>SA Housing Authority Strategic Plan</u> (p10)</p>	<p>Planning is underway for 20,000 affordable housing solutions contained in <u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030</u>.</p>
<p>ii) The housing strategy includes planned or expected levels of social housing</p>	<p>An Asset Management Strategy is under development and will further consider expected levels of social housing and planning is underway for 20,000 affordable housing solutions which comprise a combination of affordable and social housing solutions.</p>	<p><u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030</u> (p14, Action 5.3, p17)</p>	<p>In 2019-20, HomeStart assisted 1,358 low to moderate income households achieve home ownership, including 955 first home buyers.</p>
<p>iii) The housing strategy contributes to the housing priority policy areas</p>	<p>(a) Social housing</p> <p>Reforming the operations of the social housing system, including implementing and reforming the Single Housing Register, reviewing eligibility and allocations policy, exploring points-based assessment</p>	<p><u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030</u> (Action 5.2, p17)</p>	<p>Planning and development is underway for these social housing reforms.</p>

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	the introduction of the Planning and Design Code.		
(b). State/Territory has a publicly available homelessness strategy (or has been without a strategy for less than 18 months since July 2018)	Yes	<u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030</u>	Our Housing Future 2020-2030, South Australia's housing and homelessness strategy, was released in December 2019.
i) The homelessness strategy addresses the priority homelessness cohorts	Strategy 4 of <u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030</u> aims to prevent and reduce homelessness through targeted and tailored responses across the system, including for women and children affected by family and domestic violence, children and young people, Indigenous Australians, People experiencing repeat homelessness, people exiting institutions and care into homelessness and older people.	<u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030 (Strategy 4, p16)</u> <u>Future Directions for Homelessness</u>	The Authority has been working with the specialist homelessness sector to design a new system that will better meet the needs of South Australians at risk of or experiencing homelessness. A Sector Reference Group (SRG) was established in March 2020 to consider and advise on the reforms priority outcomes, and opportunities for innovation and collaboration, in line with the reform principles.
ii) The homelessness strategy sets out reforms and initiatives that contribute to reducing the incidence of homelessness	(a) Achieving better outcomes for people (b) Early intervention and prevention (c) Commitment to service program and design	<u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030 (Strategy 4, p16)</u> <u>Future Directions for Homelessness</u>	Expressions of interest have been released for the first \$6 million allocation from the \$20 million homelessness prevention fund, aimed at finding new ways to reduce homelessness and help people experiencing chronic homelessness to rapidly move into sustainable housing.
iii) The homelessness strategy incorporates the homelessness priority policy reform areas	(a) Achieving better outcomes for people (b) Early intervention and prevention (c) Commitment to service program and design	<u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030 (Strategy 4, p16)</u> <u>Future Directions for Homelessness</u>	

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<p>and trialling choice-based letting and clear mutual obligations of successful tenancies.</p>	<p>(b) Community housing support Building up to 1000 new social, affordable and market houses through the Community Housing Asset and Investment Plans.</p>	<p><u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030 (Action 2.4, p14)</u></p>	<p>Planning commenced, following the leasing of 5000 properties from SA Housing Authority to stimulate the building of new homes by the community housing sector.</p>
<p>(c) Affordable housing</p>	<p>Delivering 5000 Affordable Housing outcomes through inclusionary, design and incentive provisions in the planning system including the 15% Affordable Housing Policy.</p>	<p><u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030 (Action 2.5, p14)</u></p>	<p>The Regional Planning and Design Code, released in July 2020 includes a 15% affordable housing policy on government land and significant developments.</p>
<p>(d) Tenancy reform</p>	<p>Provide 100 supported private rental opportunities over five years for eligible social housing customers.</p>	<p><u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030 (Action 2.8, p14)</u></p>	<p>An Affordable Community Housing Land Tax Exemption Pilot will provide ex gratia relief, equivalent to a land tax exemption to the community housing provider. The Pilot commenced in March 2020 and a number of community housing providers are participating.</p>
<p>(e) Home ownership</p>	<p>Continuing to support home ownership through 10,000 HomeStart Finance loans targeted to low and moderate income households and extending the HomeStart Starter Loans beyond June 2021 by an additional 100 outcomes per year for five years. (1358 loans settled in 2019-20)</p>	<p><u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030 (Action 2.7, p14)</u></p>	<p>HomeStart assisted 1,358 low to moderate income households achieve home ownership in 2019-20, including 955 first home buyers.</p>
<p>(f) Planning and zoning reform</p>	<p>Creating an appropriate land supply pipeline and diversity of housing supply through a responsive planning and zoning system commencing with</p>	<p><u>Our Housing Future 2020-2030 (Action 1.2, p13)</u></p>	<p>Consultation with stakeholders towards developing a new Code was undertaken and the Planning and Design Code commenced for Country areas (excluding major townships) in July 2020. The draft Code for greater metropolitan Adelaide is under development.</p>

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	<p>client and system outcomes by focusing on early intervention and prevention. 40 crisis accommodation beds for domestic and family violence were implemented, including nine for perpetrators to trial perpetrator interventions, following consultation with the sector.</p>		
<p>(d) State/Territory has contributed to the data improvement plan</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>South Australia has been an active contributor to the Housing and Homelessness Data Working Group (HHDWG) and attended two meetings and provided advice on four papers, noting that the Data Improvement Plan is with the Commonwealth for final endorsement.</p>	<p>The proposed national Data Improvement Plan has been endorsed by Housing and Homelessness Senior Officials Network (HHSO), including the South Australian representative, Heads of Treasuries Deputies and the Assistant Minister for Community Housing, Homelessness and Community Services, the Hon Luke Howarth MP and the South Australian Minister for Human Services, Michelle Lensink MLC. The Commonwealth's Council on Federal Financial Relations will consider the documents as the final level of endorsement prior to publishing the plan and associated NHHA Schedule.</p>
<p>(e) Match Commonwealth homelessness funding</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>As evidenced above.</p>	