

Purpose of this reporting template

This 2020-21 Statement of Assurance (SoA) reporting template contributes to achieving stated outcomes under the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (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 should be consistent with input you would provide for the *Report on Government Services (RoGS)* for housing expenditure and homelessness expenditure. This includes:

- Grants and subsidies are excluded from public housing and state owned and managed Indigenous housing (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 *RoGS*.
- 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 *RoGS*.

All social housing expenditure includes expenditure on public housing, SOMIH, community housing, Indigenous community housing, transitional housing and grants to community housing. Expenditure for Specialist Homelessness Services (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 2020-21
2020-21 funding and expenditure	State-own forecast expenditure (excluding NHHA) for 2020-21	State-own actual expenditure (excluding NHHA) in 2020-21	NHHA funds spent in 2020-21	
Clause 37(a) – Actual Commonwealth and state-own funding and expenditure in respect of the social housing and homelessness sectors for financial year 2020-21				
Housing total	\$155,882,876	\$185,688,862	\$19,795,838	Forecast data for 2020-21 included all social housing.
Public housing (total including maintenance)		\$107,980,379	\$17,295,312	
Public housing maintenance		\$11,557,106	\$14,169,653	
State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) (total including maintenance)		\$1,341,482		
SOMIH Maintenance		\$658,684		
All social housing#	\$155,882,876	\$185,688,862	\$17,831,196 Social Housing \$1,964,642 Private Rent Assistance	Commonwealth funding of \$1.96 million was expended on Private Rental Assistance. Remaining Commonwealth funding was allocated to homelessness cohorts.
Capital expenditure		\$73,241,341	\$3,125,659	In 2020-21, Housing Tasmania expended around \$76.3 million capital funding. This included the supply of 203 new social housing properties, of which \$3 million was provided from the Commonwealth Government to supply 15 new social housing properties. This included grants to community housing providers to leverage additional supply of social and affordable housing.
Homelessness total	\$20,730,847	\$24,714,138	\$14,804,162	Actual expenditure of homelessness funding in 2020-21 includes recurrent and capital expenditure. All Commonwealth Government funding has been allocated to recurrent homelessness expenditure.

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2020-21 funding and expenditure	State-own forecast expenditure (excluding NHHA) for 2020-21	State-own actual expenditure (excluding NHHA) in 2020-21	NHHA funds spent in 2020-21	
Clause 37(a)(i) - Actual Commonwealth and state-own homelessness expenditure by each of the national priority homelessness cohorts for financial year 2020-21				
a. Women and children affected by family and domestic violence	Not available	\$2,846,919	\$1,786,831	All Commonwealth Government funding is allocated to Commitments 4, 5 and 6 for priority cohorts (\$14,804,162). Note these cohorts are not mutually exclusive. Methodology is based on proportion of support periods funded by the Commonwealth and State for Commitment 4, 5 and 6 for priority cohorts. Analysis is based on Specialist Homelessness Services Confidentialised Unit Record File (CURF) data for 2020-21.
b. Children and young people	Not available	\$8,246,803	\$5,033,324	
c. Indigenous Australians	Not available	\$3,344,545	\$2,272,858	
d. People experiencing repeat homelessness	Not available	\$6,101,119	\$4,546,535	
e. People exiting institutions and care into homelessness	Not available	\$755,895	\$550,044	
f. Older people	Not available	\$783,437	\$614,570	

Requirement	Evidence		Comments
Estimated 2021-22 funding and expenditure	State-own funding allocation (excluding NHHA) for 2021-22	Estimated NHHA funds to be allocated in 2021-22	
Clause 37(b) – Estimated Commonwealth and state-own funding and expenditure for 2021-22			
Housing total	\$176,933,000	\$20,082,000	
Public housing (total including maintenance)	\$100,274,000	\$17,545,000	
Public housing maintenance	\$6,314,000	\$14,374,000	Public housing maintenance expenditure is anticipated to reduce due to transfer of management of public housing properties to the community housing sector.
State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) (total including maintenance)	\$706,000		
SOMIH maintenance	\$530,000		
All social housing#	\$176,933,000	\$18,088,967 Social Housing	Commonwealth Government funding of \$1.99 million is estimated to be allocated to Private Rental Assistance.

		\$1,993,033 Private Rent Assistance	Remaining Commonwealth funding is allocated to homelessness cohorts.
Capital expenditure	\$75,953,000	\$3,171,000	
Homelessness total	\$16,760,000	\$15,018,000	

Requirement	Outcome in 2020-21	Evidence	Comments
Clause 17 – Conditions which must be achieved in order to be eligible for funding under the NHHA			
(a) State/Territory has a publicly available housing strategy (or has been without a strategy for less than 18 months since July 2018)	Yes	<p>Tasmania has an Affordable Housing Strategy in place that is a ten year plan for housing and homelessness reform and investment.</p> <p>See Tasmania's Affordable Housing Strategy 2015-2025.</p> <p>There are also two Action Plans as part of the Strategy that outline specific actions and initiatives.</p> <p>See Tasmania's Affordable Housing Action Plan 2015-2019 (Action Plan 1).</p> <p>See Tasmania's Affordable Housing Action Plan 2019-2023 (Action Plan 2).</p>	<p>An additional \$2 million has been committed to develop a comprehensive long-term Tasmanian Housing Strategy to address Tasmania's housing needs over the next 20 years, across the full spectrum of public and private housing.</p> <p>See Tasmanian Housing Strategy.</p>
i) The housing strategy indicates level of supply needed to respond to projected demand	The Strategy outlines that Tasmania needs an average of 2 392 new social and affordable housing dwellings a year to meet its long-term supply needs through to 2031.	See Tasmania's Affordable Housing Strategy 2015-2025 (Page 12).	<p>Since the release of the Affordable Housing Strategy, Communities Tasmania has undertaken further demand modelling in partnership with the University of Tasmania and the Constellation Project.</p> <p>The Constellation Project focused on immediate housing needs to meet demand on the Housing Register.</p> <p>This informed the Tasmanian Government's decision to invest an additional \$100 million in funding to stimulate the economy and provide more social housing following the COVID-19 pandemic through the Community Housing Growth Program (CHGP). This will deliver up to 1 000 new social housing dwellings by June 2023.</p>

			<p>The Tasmanian Government is responding to housing demand with unprecedented investment towards providing more social and affordable homes for Tasmanians in need.</p> <p>Additional funding has been provided towards housing and homelessness initiatives through Emergency Response, Commonwealth State Housing Agreement Debt Waiver and CHGP.</p> <p>Overall, total investment into housing and homelessness initiatives has expanded to over \$615 million over the next seven years, a record investment by any Government in Tasmania.</p> <p>This massive commitment will assist around 5 000 Tasmanians out of housing stress or homelessness by 30 June 2023 and provide a total of 3 500 new social houses to be built from 2021 through to 2027.</p> <p>Further demand analysis will be undertaken as part of the development of the Tasmanian Housing Strategy to inform future housing needs.</p> <p>See Tasmanian Housing Strategy.</p>
ii) The housing strategy includes planned or expected levels of social housing	Action Plan 1 and 2 will deliver 1 051 new social housing dwellings, and 104 significant refurbishments by June 2023.	See Tasmania's Affordable Housing Action Plan 2019-2023 (Action Plan 2) (Page 22).	See Addendum for reporting on completed actions.
iii) The housing strategy contributes to the housing priority policy areas	The Strategy and Action Plans address the housing priority policy areas: (a) Social housing	(a) Social housing (b) Community housing (c) Affordable housing (d) Tenancy reform	See Addendum for reporting on completed actions.

	<p>(b) Community housing (c) Affordable housing</p> <p>There will be 1 051 new social housing dwellings, and 104 significant refurbishments delivered by June 2023. This includes significant community housing grant opportunities that leverage additional supply of social and affordable housing.</p> <p>(d) Tenancy reform</p> <p>There will be 310 new private rental initiatives delivered by June 2023. This will provide access to affordable private rentals for a 2 year period for households eligible for social housing.</p> <p>(e) Home ownership</p> <p>There will be 657 affordable home ownership opportunities delivered through HomeShare and Streets Ahead Incentive Program.</p> <p>(f) Planning and zoning reform</p> <p>The <i>Housing Land Supply Act 2018</i> has been introduced to fast track rezoning of land for affordable housing.</p> <p>There will be 670 new affordable lots released to market by June 2023.</p>	<p>(e) Home ownership</p> <p>See Tasmania's Affordable Housing Action Plan 2019-2023 (Action Plan 2) (Page 22).</p> <p>(g) Planning and zoning reform</p> <p>See Tasmania's Affordable Housing Action Plan 2019-2023 (Action Plan 2) (Page 11 and 22).</p> <p>See Reporting for Quarterly Housing Report and Housing Dashboard.</p>	
(b). State/Territory has a publicly available homelessness strategy (or has been without	Yes		

a strategy for less than 18 months since July 2018)			
i) The homelessness strategy addresses the priority homelessness cohorts	The Strategy and Action Plans address the homelessness priority policy areas:	See Tasmania's Affordable Housing Action Plan 2019-2023 (Action Plan 2) (Pages 13,16, 17 and 18).	See Addendum for reporting on completed actions.
ii) The homelessness strategy sets out reforms and initiatives that contribute to reducing the incidence of homelessness	There will be 121 new units of homeless accommodation and 687 new units of supported accommodation provided by June 2023.	See Reporting for Quarterly Housing Report and Housing Dashboard.	
iii) The homelessness strategy incorporates the homelessness priority policy reform areas	<p>(a) Women and children affected by family and domestic violence</p> <p>Crisis and transitional accommodation for women and children will be expanded in the South and North of the State by June 2023.</p> <p>The Rapid Rehousing program will continue to safely assist households impacted by family violence.</p> <p>(b) Children and young people</p> <p>Additional Youth Foyer facilities will be established in the South and the North West of the State by June 2023. The Northern Youth Foyer will be expanded.</p> <p>A Taskforce has been established to explore accommodation options for children under 16 who are at risk of homelessness and are not in out of home care.</p> <p>(c) Indigenous Australians</p>		

	<p>There will be 121 new units of homeless accommodation and 687 new units of supported accommodation provided by June 2023. Indigenous Australians may be assisted through these initiatives.</p> <p>(d) People experiencing repeat homelessness</p> <p>Increased social housing and long term supported accommodation by June 2023 will assist people experiencing repeat homelessness.</p> <p>(e) People exiting institutions and care into homelessness</p> <p>The Rapid Rehousing initiative will continue to assist people into affordable private rental accommodation who are exiting mental health and hospital inpatient facilities.</p> <p>(f) Older people</p> <p>A new long term supported accommodation facility will be established in the South to assist older people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.</p> <p>Crisis and transitional accommodation for older men will be expanded in the South by June 2023.</p>		
(d) State/Territory has contributed to the implementation of the Data Improvement Plan	Yes	Tas has attended HHDWG meetings when available,	

		<p>reviewed documents out of session and contributed to papers.</p> <p>Tasmania is also represented on the NHHA Data Improvement Plan Community Housing Data Alignment Panel (CH DAP).</p>	
(e) Match Commonwealth homelessness funding	Yes	Breakdown is provided above.	

Requirement	Outcome in 2020-21		Evidence	Comments
Reporting requirements – Social and Community Services (SACS) Equal Remuneration Order (ERO) equivalent funding				
Service providers in receipt of SACS ERO equivalent funding including amount received AND / OR Expenditure of SACS ERO equivalent funding on public housing construction or maintenance	<i>Provider names</i>	<i>Wage supplement amount</i>	<i>Link to evidence citing relevant page number if appropriate</i>	To be completed in 2021-22.
Number of new social houses constructed and refurbished			<i>Link to evidence citing relevant page number if appropriate</i>	To be completed in 2021-22.
Number of social housing requiring maintenance	<i>Tenantable</i>	<i>Untenantable</i>	<i>Link to evidence citing relevant page number if appropriate</i>	To be completed in 2021-22.
Number of tenantable dwellings unoccupied for greater than 2 months continuously			<i>Provide high level reasons. Link to evidence citing relevant page number if appropriate</i>	To be completed in 2021-22.
Number of untenantable dwellings unoccupied for greater than 2 months continuously			<i>Provide high level reasons. Link to evidence citing relevant page number if appropriate</i>	To be completed in 2021-22.
Number of new emergency and crisis accommodation delivered			<i>Link to evidence citing relevant page number if appropriate</i>	To be completed in 2021-22.
Number of public houses transferred to community housing providers	<i>Transferred to managed lease</i>	<i>Transferred ownership</i>	<i>Link to evidence citing relevant page number if appropriate</i>	To be completed in 2021-22.
Number of households in receipt of state rental subsidies in private market			<i>Link to evidence citing relevant page number if appropriate</i>	To be completed in 2021-22.
Planned new social houses to be constructed in 2021-22			<i>Link to evidence citing relevant page number if appropriate</i>	To be completed in 2021-22.