

Northern Territory

NATIONAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS AGREEMENT

PRELIMINARIES

1. This Schedule is an agreement that is a supplementary housing agreement for the purposes of section 15C of the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009*.
2. This Schedule is intended to replace Schedule E8 of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (the Agreement) after 30 June 2023.
3. This Schedule is to support the terms set out in the Agreement signed by the Commonwealth and Northern Territory.
4. This Schedule will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and Northern Territory sign the schedule.
5. Unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties, this Schedule will expire no later than 30 June 2024.
6. A Party to this Schedule may terminate their participation in the Agreement at any time by giving 12 months' notice of intention to do so, in writing, to the other Party.
7. This Schedule may be amended at any time by agreement in writing of the relevant Commonwealth and State portfolio ministers.
8. The purpose of this Schedule is to provide an indication of how the Northern Territory intends to implement the conditions of the Agreement.
9. To enable payments to commence from 2023-24, the Northern Territory confirms that it satisfies the requirements of clause 17 of the Agreement as at 1 July 2023 and as set out in this Schedule.

PART 1 – FUNDING

10. The funding allocation for the Northern Territory is estimated to be \$16.0 million general funding and \$5.9 million homelessness funding from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. Actual funding entitlements may vary in line with Clause 42 of the Agreement.

PART 2 – NORTHERN TERRITORY HOUSING STRATEGY AND HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

11. The Northern Territory meets the requirements of sub-clause 17(a) and (b) of the Agreement through the following publicly available documents:
- (a) NT Housing Strategy 2020-2025
 - (b) NT Community Housing Growth Strategy 2022-32
 - (c) Northern Territory Homelessness Strategy 2018-23

PART 3 – STATE-SPECIFIC INDICATORS

12. Key performance indicators outlined below are reported through Part 4.

Outcome	Performance indicators
A well-functioning social housing system that operates efficiently, sustainably and is effective in assisting low income households and vulnerable groups to manage their needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of public housing dwellings• Number on waitlist• % of dwellings underutilised• % of dwellings overcrowded• % of greatest needs applicants that are housed into social housing• % of social housing households on low incomes in housing stress (>30%)• Proportion of social housing occupied by Aboriginal people• Net recurrent cost for public housing• Total number of new households provided with financial assistance (loans)• Average duration of tenancies living in public housing• Number of homelands and town camps funded

<p>An effective homelessness service system, which responds to and supports people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to achieve and maintain housing, and addresses the incidence and prevalence of homelessness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % unmet demand for accommodation and other services • % of people who receive assistance to maintain stable housing who do not become homeless • % of assisted people who remain in stable housing after episode of support • % of assisted people experiencing repeat periods of homelessness • Number accessing special homelessness services
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PART 4 – REPORTING

13. As required by clause 40 of the Agreement, the Northern Territory will produce an annual report on the implementation of the reforms and initiatives set out in the housing and homelessness strategies identified in Part 2 of this Schedule. The report will be provided to the Commonwealth Minister with portfolio responsibility for housing and homelessness and will be made publicly available.
14. The report will consist of the following:
 - (a) The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities' Annual Report, which is released within three months after the end of the financial year. That report provides comprehensive reporting on the social housing and homelessness sectors and includes key statistics and data as well as strategic performance indicators. This report will cover the implementation of social housing and homelessness reforms and initiatives outlined 2 and 3 of this Agreement;
 - (b) The Report on Government Services on housing and homelessness issued by the Productivity Commission in January of each year;
 - (c) The Specialist Homelessness Services Report issued by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare in December of each year; and
 - (d) Reporting on any remaining initiatives not covered by the above reports.
15. In respect of the requirement in paragraph 37(a)(i) of the Agreement to disaggregate funding against priority homelessness cohorts, the Northern Territory will include disaggregated expenditure against the national priority cohorts; however, where not possible, expenditure will be identified as expenditure on general homelessness services. The expenditure on general homelessness services will include additional information, which at a minimum would include a list of the programs delivering general homelessness services.
16. To meet the requirement in paragraph 37(a)(i) of the Agreement, the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory will work together to provide information relating to the proportion of clients from the national priority cohorts supported by the general homelessness services.

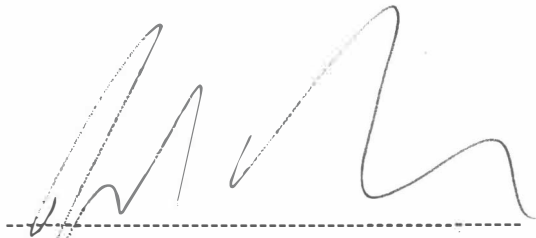
PART 5 – OTHER CONDITIONS/PRIORITY POLICY AREAS

17. Other conditions and/or priority policy areas may be agreed between the Parties from time to time.

PART 6 – SIGN OFF

18. The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by

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The Honourable Julie Collins MP
Minister for Housing and Minister for Homelessness

20/06/2023

Signed for and on behalf of the Northern Territory by

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The Honourable Selena Uibo MLA
Minister for Housing and Homelands

30 June 2023