

Australian Capital Territory

NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS - BILATERAL SCHEDULE

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule																													
Parties	Commonwealth Australian Capital Territory																												
Duration	This Schedule will commence when the Commonwealth and the Australian Capital Territory sign the schedule, and is expected to expire on 30 June 2029. It will be reviewed by 30 June 2026. It can also be changed at any time with the agreement of both parties.																												
Purpose	<p>This Schedule is an agreement that is a supplementary housing agreement for the purposes of Section 15C of the <i>Federal Financial Relations Act 2009</i> (Cth) (the FFR Act) (Clause 9 of the primary agreement refers).</p> <p>It is supplementary to the National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness, which will help people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and support the effective operation of the Australian Capital Territory's social housing and homelessness services sectors.</p> <p>In committing to this Schedule, the Parties acknowledge their mutual interest in preventing homelessness and improving social housing in the Australian Capital Territory, with particular regard to people experiencing disproportionate housing inequality and disadvantage.</p>																												
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	<p>As per Clause 56 of the NASHH, the Commonwealth's total financial contribution will be indexed annually to Wage Cost Index 1. The actual financial assistance is subject to change based on updates to Wage Cost Index 1 as part of the Commonwealth Budget processes.</p>
<p>Outputs</p>	<p>Housing and Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>The Australian Capital Territory meets the requirements of clause 18(a) of the Agreement through the following publicly available documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT Housing Strategy <p>This strategy sets out the following vision: the ACT Housing Strategy will encourage and promote a housing market that meets the diverse and changing needs of the Canberra community, and enables a sustainable supply of housing for individuals and families at all income levels.</p> <p>It includes the following goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An equitable, diverse and sustainable supply of housing for the ACT community • Reducing homelessness • Strengthening social housing assistance • Increasing affordable rental housing • Increasing affordable home ownership. <p>The disproportionate disadvantage faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is addressed in the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2019-2028, which includes housing as a significant focus area.</p> <p>The Australian Capital Territory has announced changes to social housing stock as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing and Renewing Public Housing, which has targets to renew 1,000 existing public housing dwellings and grow the public housing portfolio by 400 dwellings. • Housing Strategic Action Plan, which includes an ongoing commitment to public, community and affordable housing targets in annual land releases and investigating purchase options for Community Housing Providers. • Implementation of various national programs and agreements included in the Commonwealth's Homes for Australia plan.

National Outcomes Framework

The Australian Capital Territory will meet the requirements of clause 18(b) by reporting against the indicators in the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A of the Agreement). This will include at a minimum, the compulsory measures.

Where these measures are already produced in existing reports (e.g. Specialist Homelessness Services Collection, AIHW, Report on Government Services, Annual Reports) the data will be replicated and not reported against a different time horizon and/or methodology.

Compulsory measures

Homelessness

- Number of unassisted requests for services, split by accommodation and other services
- Number and proportion of clients with an identified need for services who were not provided or referred to those services, split by accommodation and other services
- Number and proportion of clients at risk of homelessness who receive assistance and avoid homelessness
- Number and proportion of clients who return to homelessness after achieving housing *N.B. This is currently measured over 24-months and will continue to be so.*

Social housing

- Number of social housing dwellings at 30 June: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs
- Change in the number of social housing dwellings from previous year
- Proportion of overcrowded households: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs
- Proportion of households with at least four working facilities and not more than two major structural problems: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs

Other (non-compulsory) measures

The Australian Capital Territory will **not** report against the following non-compulsory measures in the National Outcomes Framework:

- Number and proportion of clients who are satisfied with the service they receive from homelessness service providers, noting data is currently unavailable for this measure.
- Non-compulsory measures that are reported publicly elsewhere (e.g. Specialist Homelessness Services Collection, AIHW, Report on Government Services, Annual Reports).

Statements of Assurance

The Australian Capital Territory will report annually how they have met the requirements of the Agreement using the template in the Agreement (Schedule B).

As there are instances where the Territory's accounting systems do not allow for the disaggregation of data in the manner specified in Schedule B, the following alternative formats are agreed:

- Consistent with expenditure reporting in the Report of Government Services, expenditure on State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) and Indigenous community housing and community housing may be reported as 'not applicable' in Table 1B.
- If 'SHS administrative costs' (Table 1B) cannot be disaggregated from general housing and homelessness administrative costs, this may be reported as the total of general housing and homelessness administrative costs with an explanation in the 'Additional context' column.
- If 'Acquisition costs' (Table 1B) cannot be disaggregated from other capital expenditure, it may be reported as 'not available' or in another row with an explanation in the 'Additional context' column.

Where other incompatibilities exist between the Territory's accounting and data management systems and the information being requested, the ACT work with Commonwealth officials to agree an alternative format and will use the "additional context" column to explain these instances.

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by


The Honourable Julie Collins MP
Minister for Housing
Minister for Homelessness

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Signed for and on behalf of the
Australian Capital Territory by


Yvette Berry MLA
Minister for Housing and Suburban
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