

# Northern Territory

## NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS - BILATERAL SCHEDULE

**Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule**

Parties	Commonwealth Northern Territory						
Duration	This Schedule will commence when the Commonwealth and Northern 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	This Schedule will help people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and support the effective operation of Northern Territory's social housing and homelessness services sectors. In committing to this Schedule, the Parties acknowledge their mutual interest in preventing homelessness and improving social housing in Northern Territory, with particular regard to people experiencing disproportionate housing inequality and disadvantage.						
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Northern Territory of \$290.24 million in respect of this Schedule.						
	<b>Table 1</b> (\$ million)	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>	<b>Total</b>
	- General Funding	12.78	13.07	13.36	13.63	13.90	66.75
	- Specified Homelessness Funding	42.79	43.78	44.74	45.64	46.55	223.49
Northern Territory-matched homelessness funding	42.79	43.78	44.74	45.64	46.55	223.49	
Note: Totals subject to change based on parameter updates.							

<p>Outputs</p>	<p><b>Housing and Homelessness Strategy</b></p> <p>Northern Territory meets the requirements of clause 18(a) of the Agreement through the following publicly available documents:</p> <p><a href="#">NT Housing Strategy 2020-2025.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="#">Northern Territory Homelessness Strategy 2018-23</a></p> <p>It is intended that the next NT Homelessness Strategy be aligned to the National Housing and Homelessness Plan, with both documents currently under development. The NT Strategy is anticipated to be published by the end of 2024.</p> <p>The Homelessness strategy sets out the following reforms and initiatives that will contribute to reducing homelessness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A range of accommodation options (i.e., short-term, medium-term and crisis accommodation)</li> <li>• Support services to access, retain and transition into independent and long term accommodation</li> <li>• Support services that help to establish family connections / or peer support networks, build capacity for independent living, and increase levels of engagement in education, training, employment and community life</li> <li>• Intensive case management, counselling, referrals and support to avert homelessness</li> <li>• Support services for people living in accommodation where their tenancies may be at risk (urban and remote tenancy support/living strong program).</li> <li>• Assisting to gain skills to maintain and sustain independent tenancies</li> <li>• Aftercare support for individuals that have exited an institutional setting</li> <li>• Outreach services linking clients to support, including; legal; health; financial; Services Australia; and housing and education</li> <li>• Private rental brokerage and financial assistance (bond, emergency support) programs</li> <li>• Community care and inclusion programs such as Dignity services, Drop-in-centres and Hubs</li> <li>• Place based accommodation and support provided through regional delivery and assertive outreach.</li> </ul> <p>The disproportionate disadvantage faced by First Nations people is addressed by various Northern Territory specific initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General reform initiatives including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Aboriginal Affairs Strategy (Everyone Together)</li> <li>○ Closing the Gap Implementation Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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- Housing initiatives including:
  - Empowerment of First Nations controlled peak organisations (Eg Aboriginal Housing NT)
  - Local Decision Making Agreements
  - Aboriginal Procurement Principles
  - Aboriginal influenced governance structures including the Joint Steering Committee for Remote Housing
  
- Homelessness initiatives including (but not limited to):
  - Accommodation and support services that are culturally appropriate and meet the needs of individuals and families
  - Support services with the aim to successfully transition from rough sleeping to stable accommodation through case management and wrap around support
  - Support services and tenancy sustainability programs for people living in accommodation where their tenancies may be at risk
  - Overcrowding support initiatives and accommodation (visitor parks, short stay accommodation and emergency/ short term accommodation brokerage)

Northern Territory Community Housing Growth Strategy 2022-32

The Northern Territory has a strong focus on investing in sector growth (under both an urban/regional stream and a remote stream) to improve the long-term sustainability of the social and affordable housing system. The Strategy includes a commitment to transfer up to 40 per cent of urban public housing assets (approximately 2000 assets) between 2022 and 2026.

**National Outcomes Framework**

Northern 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.

**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

#### *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**

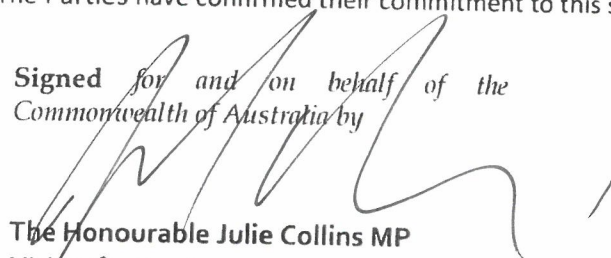
Northern Territory does **not** intend to report against the following non-compulsory measures in the National Outcomes Framework as these are produced in existing reports (SHSC, AIHW, ROGS, Annual Reports). The reported data is not intended to be replicated or prepared against a different time scale or methodology for the purpose of this Agreement:

Number and proportion of clients who were homeless at the first presentation who are in stable housing at the end of support	SHSC, AIHW, table CLIENTS.31
Number and proportion of clients who are satisfied with the service they receive from homelessness service providers	Data currently unavailable for this measure
Proportion of renting households in the bottom two income quintiles paying more than 30% of income on rent	RoGS Table GA.2 Survey of Income and Housing, ABS
Number of people experiencing homelessness who present to homelessness services	SHSC, AIHW, CLIENTS.11
Number of people experiencing homelessness per 10,000 people in the	Census of Population and Housing, ABS (5-yearly)

	<p>population <span style="float: right;">RoGS Table 19A.2</span></p> <p>Any changes to the reporting arrangements related to the outcomes framework for the National Plan on Housing and Homelessness (once developed) will be agreed by parties to this bilateral schedule.</p> <p><b>Statements of Assurance</b></p> <p>Northern Territory will report annually how they have met the requirements of the Agreement using the template in the Agreement (Schedule B).</p>
[Additional terms]	<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>

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 Northern Territory by



**The Honourable Ngaree Ah Kit MLA**

Minister for Urban Housing

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