

National Housing and Homelessness Agreement – Victorian statement of assurance for the 2023-24 financial year

This statement provides an assurance that for the 2023-24 financial year Victoria has satisfied the requirements of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement set out in clause 17 ('Outputs'), clause 46 ('General Funding') and clause 49 ('Homelessness Funding').

As required by the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement, this statement also includes the following information:

- a) actual Commonwealth funding and expenditure under this Agreement separately identified for housing and homelessness and State-own funding and expenditure in respect of the social housing and homelessness sectors for the relevant financial year;
 - i. actual homelessness expenditure will be disaggregated to separately identify each of the national priority homelessness cohorts for the relevant financial year;
- b) estimated Commonwealth funding and expenditure under this Agreement separately identified for housing and homelessness and State-own funding and expenditure in respect of the social housing and homelessness sectors for the subsequent financial year.

Housing and homelessness funding and expenditure

Table 1. Commonwealth funding and expenditure to Victoria under the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement separately identified for housing and homelessness.

	2023-24 actual (\$ million)	2024-25 estimated (\$ million)	Key changes/ reasons for variation between 2023-24 actual and 2024-25 estimated expenditure.
Social Housing	193.9	209.2	Funding is as per Commonwealth Budget Paper 3, May 2024.
Homelessness and Family Violence	241.9	241.7	
TOTAL	435.9	451.0	

Table 2. Victorian Government funding and expenditure on social housing and homelessness

	2023-24 actual (\$ million)	2024-25 estimated (\$ million)	Key changes/ reasons for variation between 2023-24 actual and 2024-25 estimated expenditure.
Social Housing	2,077.9	3,427.9	Increase reflects the Victorian Government's continued delivery of initiatives such as Big Housing Build and Regional Housing Fund.
Homelessness and Family Violence	283.4	323.7	Variation reflects the Victorian Government's continued delivery of initiatives for homelessness services
TOTAL⁽¹⁾	2,366.4	3,751.6	

Table includes both operating and capital expenditure for Social Housing and Homelessness.

Disaggregated homelessness expenditure

- As agreed in Victoria's bilateral agreement with the Commonwealth, Victoria will meet the requirement for actual homelessness expenditure to be disaggregated to separately identify each of the national priority homelessness cohorts as outlined in Table 3 below. as

Table 3. Homelessness expenditure for the 2023-24 financial year

Note: not all homelessness expenditure is captured in funding for these cohorts. Some expenditure may support multiple priority cohorts (e.g. young Aboriginal people).

Priority homelessness cohort	State-own actual spent (excluding NHHa) in 2023-24	NHHA funds spent in 2023-24	Total State and NHHA 2023-24	Please provide an explanation of the counting methodology used to determine expenditure for each priority cohort.
Women and children affected by family and domestic violence	131.8	44.8	176.6	The total amount of funding provided to organisations who provide specialist services that accommodate, prevent and address homelessness for women and children affected by family violence, including client support, intake and brokerage funding. A portion of funding in this cohort is also counted as support to Indigenous Australians.
Children and young people	22.0	67.0	89.0	The total amount of funding provided to organisations for specific services to accommodate, prevent and address homelessness for children and young people. A portion of funding in this cohort is also counted in Indigenous Australians and People exiting Institutions and Care into Homelessness. For example, programs for young people leaving care will be also counted in the People exiting institutions and care into homelessness cohort.
Indigenous Australians	25.9	14.5	40.4	The total amount of funding provided to organisations for specific services to accommodate, prevent and address homelessness for Indigenous Australians. Noting that Indigenous Australians also access mainstream Victorian specialist homelessness services, this funding does not represent all funding to address homelessness for Indigenous Australians. A portion of funding for this cohort is also counted in Children and young people, People exiting institutions and care into homelessness and Women and children affected by family violence cohorts. For example, programs for Aboriginal people exiting prisons will also be counted in the People exiting institutions and care into homelessness cohort.

People experiencing repeat homelessness	43.4	3.3	46.7	<p>The total amount of funding provided to organisations for specific services to accommodate, prevent and address homelessness for chronic rough sleepers as well as supportive housing and housing first programs. A portion of funding in this cohort is also counted in People exiting institutions and care into homelessness including programs targeted at chronic rough sleepers who are exiting care facilities.</p> <p>In 2022-23, funding for this cohort included increased COVID-19 funding that ceased in June 2023.</p>
People exiting institutions and care into homelessness	8.9	6.3	15.2	<p>The total amount of funding provided to organisations for specific services to accommodate, prevent and address homelessness for People exiting prisons, child protection, care facilities including hospitals and in-patient mental health facilities. A portion of funding in this cohort is also counted in Children and Young People, Indigenous Australians and People experiencing repeat homelessness cohorts. For example, a young person leaving care is also counted in the Children and Young People cohort.</p>
Older people	6.4	0	6.4	<p>The total amount of funding provided to organisations for specific services to accommodate, prevent and address homelessness for older people. A portion of funding in this cohort is also counted in People experiencing repeat homelessness. For example, programs targeting older people who are chronic rough sleepers will also be counted in the People experiencing repeat homelessness cohort.</p> <p>In 2022-23, funding for this cohort included increased COVID-19 funding that ceased in June 2023.</p>

Addendum 1 – Reporting on Victoria’s bilateral schedule

As per the terms of Victoria’s bilateral agreement, Victoria will publicly report against progress against targets for the following social housing and homelessness measures, outlined in Parts 2 and 3 of its bilateral agreement with the Commonwealth:

Social housing	Homelessness
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total number of social housing dwellings• Number of households assisted with long-term social housing (public, Aboriginal and community long-term tenancies at end of year)• Number of public housing dwellings upgraded during year• Total social housing dwellings acquired during the year• Social housing tenants satisfied with completed urgent maintenance works• Average waiting time for public rental housing for those clients who have received priority access housing allocation or a priority transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of clients assisted to address and prevent homelessness• Number of clients provided with accommodation• Proportion of clients where support to sustain housing tenure was provided or referred

Performance against targets for the 2023-24 financial year are publicly available in the 2023-24 Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Annual Report.

Other key information relating to housing and homelessness services in Victoria is publicly available at www.dffh.vic.gov.au/housing-and-homelessness and www.homes.vic.gov.au/housing-data-and-insights

Victoria – Additional information

	Requirement	Outcome in 2023-24		Evidence / Comments
1	Service providers in receipt of SACS ERO equivalent funding including amount received	SACS ERO funding is provided directly to around 130 Service providers across Victoria.	\$23.6 million	<i>Total aggregate Commonwealth SACS ERO funding. This is Commonwealth SACS ERO funding only.</i>
2	Total social housing dwellings acquired during the year	2023-24: 2,938		<i>DFFH Annual Report 2023-24 – Housing assistance page 67</i>
3	Number of public housing dwellings upgraded during the year	2023-24: 1,985		<i>DFFH Annual Report 2023-24 – Housing assistance page 67</i>
4	Average waiting time for public rental housing for those clients who have received priority access housing allocation or a priority transfer	2023-24: 19.8 months		<i>DFFH Annual Report 2023-24 – Housing assistance page 68</i>
5	Number of public houses transferred to community housing providers	Total number of transfers Nil	Title transfers (subset of total number of transfers) Nil	<i>There was no transfer of public houses to community housing providers in 2023-24.</i>