



Reforms to social housing

National Affordable Housing Agreement

The 2009-10 Budget includes funding to Victoria for the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) which replaces the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) and Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP). The NAHA encompasses a range of measures including social housing, assistance to people in the private rental market, support and accommodation for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and home purchase assistance. In 2009-10 this will deliver \$265.8 million for housing and homelessness.

Social Housing National Partnership Agreement – \$99.2 million

The Social Housing National Partnership Agreement provides capital funding to support the increase in social housing through new construction. Victoria has been allocated \$99.2 million, which will deliver approximately 488 new social housing units over 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Nation Building - \$1.58 billion

The 2009-10 Budget includes funding for the Nation Building and Jobs Plan National Partnership Agreement. Victoria has been allocated \$1.58 billion under the Nation Building and Jobs Plan, which will be used to deliver approximately 5,000 new social housing units and improve existing housing that has fallen into disrepair. This large scale investment will assist disadvantaged people, including those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, to transition to longer term accommodation.

Stage 1 construction – \$171.5 million

Victoria is to deliver approximately 667 social housing units ready for tenancy by June 2010. Projects selected will align with our broader social housing imperatives. We need social housing that meets the needs of social housing clients; is in areas of high housing demand that is close to services, employment opportunities and public transport and is of high quality and environmentally sustainable.

Stage 2 construction – \$1.3 billion

The remainder of the funding, \$1.3 billion will be used to construct around 4,300 social housing units, all of which will be ready for tenancy by June 2012. It is expected that 75 per cent of these units will be completed by December 2010.

Repairs and maintenance - \$99.2 million

In addition to funding for new construction, Victoria has been allocated \$99.2 million to fund urgent maintenance, \$49.6 million will be spent in 2008-09 and a further \$49.6 million in 2009-10. This funding will go towards work that will benefit up to 5,600 social housing dwelling, enabling retention of at least 1,600 properties that would otherwise be unsuitable for occupancy without this additional work taking place.