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COMMONWEALTH RENT ASSISTANCE (CHAPTER 16)

This chapter focuses on the performance of governments in providing:

- public, State owned and managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH) and community housing under National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) from 1 January 2009, and previously, the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) until 31 December 2008
- Indigenous community housing (ICH)
- Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA).

This Factsheet focuses on the delivery of CRA.

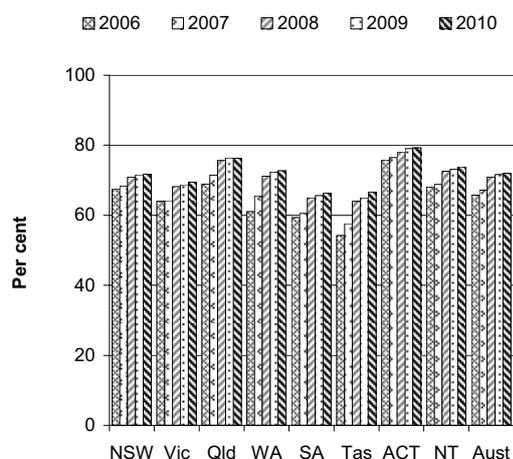
The Australian Government provided \$2.9 billion for CRA in 2009-10 (p. 16.5).

Objectives of Commonwealth Rent Assistance

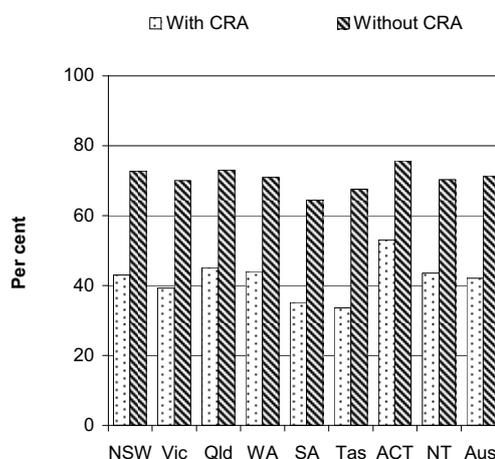
The objective of CRA is to assist with the cost of renting private housing for low and middle-income individuals and families in receipt of income support or family assistance payments. This assistance should be delivered in an equitable and efficient manner (p. 16.17).

Selection of results

Proportion of income units receiving CRA paying enough rent to receive maximum assistance^a (p. 16.66)

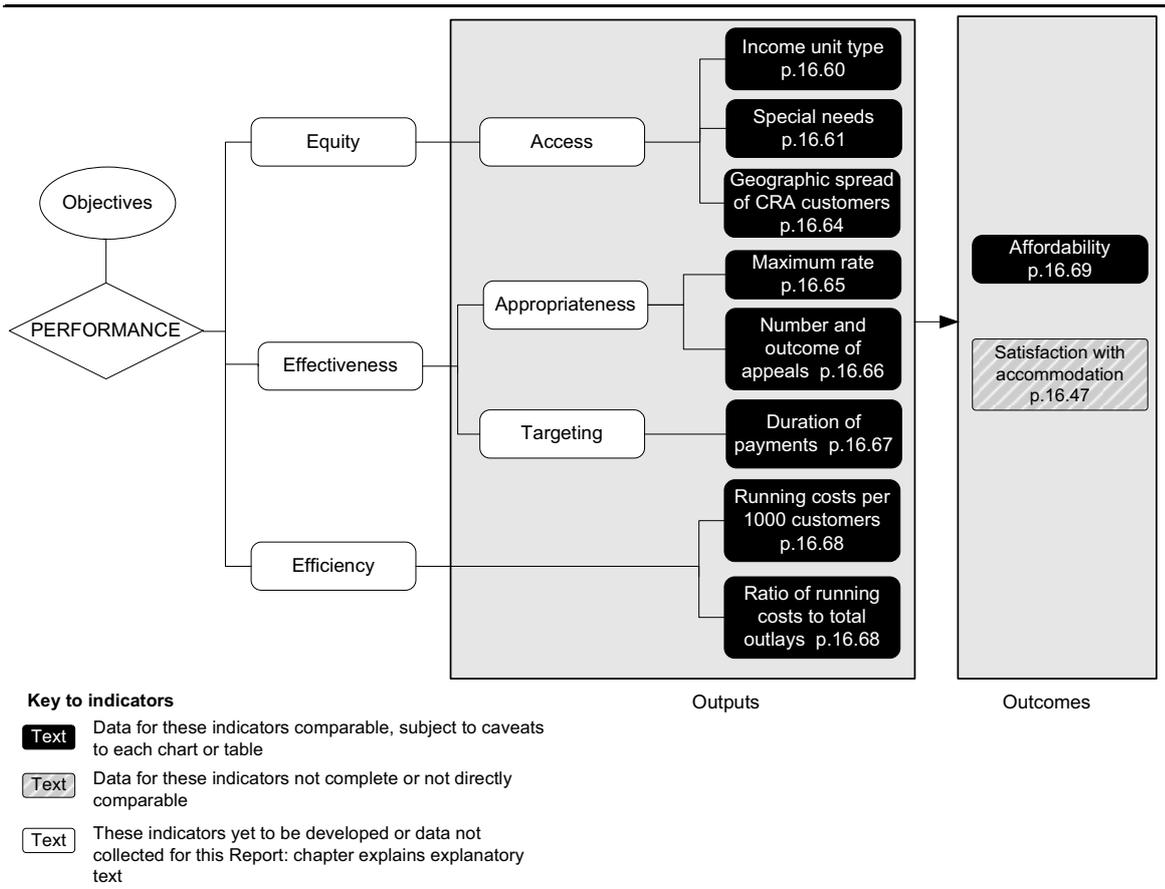


Income units paying more than 30 per cent of income on rent, with and without CRA, 2010^a (p. 16.71)



^a Data and caveats for these figures are available electronically from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision (www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2011). Data may be subject to revision. The most recent data will be available on the Review website.

Performance indicators for Commonwealth Rent Assistance (figure 16.25, p. 16.59)



Developments in reporting since the 2010 Report

There were no major improvements in the CRA reporting for the 2011 Report.

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