

Housing (Delivery of Commonwealth Rent Assistance) (Chapter 16)

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DELIVERY OF 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 the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) until 31 December 2008 and the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) from 1 January 2009.
- Indigenous community housing (ICH)
- Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA).

This Factsheet focuses on the delivery of CRA.

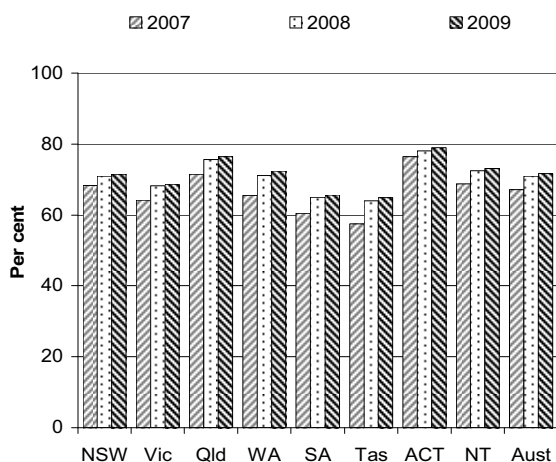
The Australian Government provided \$2.6 billion for CRA in 2008-09 (p. 16.6).

Objectives of Commonwealth Rent Assistance

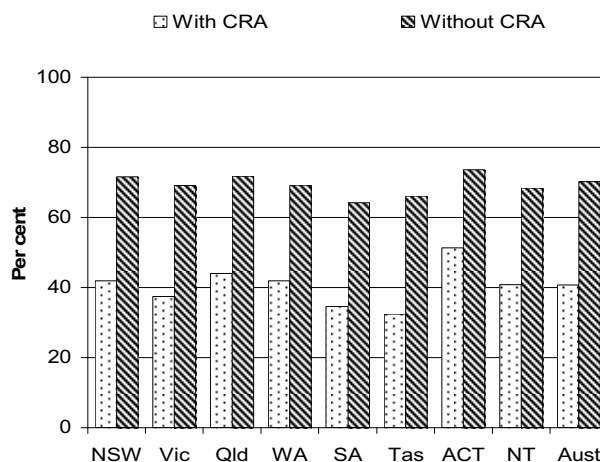
The principal objective of CRA is to provide income support recipients and low income families in the private rental market with additional financial assistance, in recognition of the housing costs that they face. This assistance should be delivered in an equitable and efficient manner. CRA is also governed by other objectives relating to the primary income support payment (p. 16.20).

Selection of results

Proportion of income units receiving CRA paying enough rent to receive maximum assistance^a (p. 16.70)

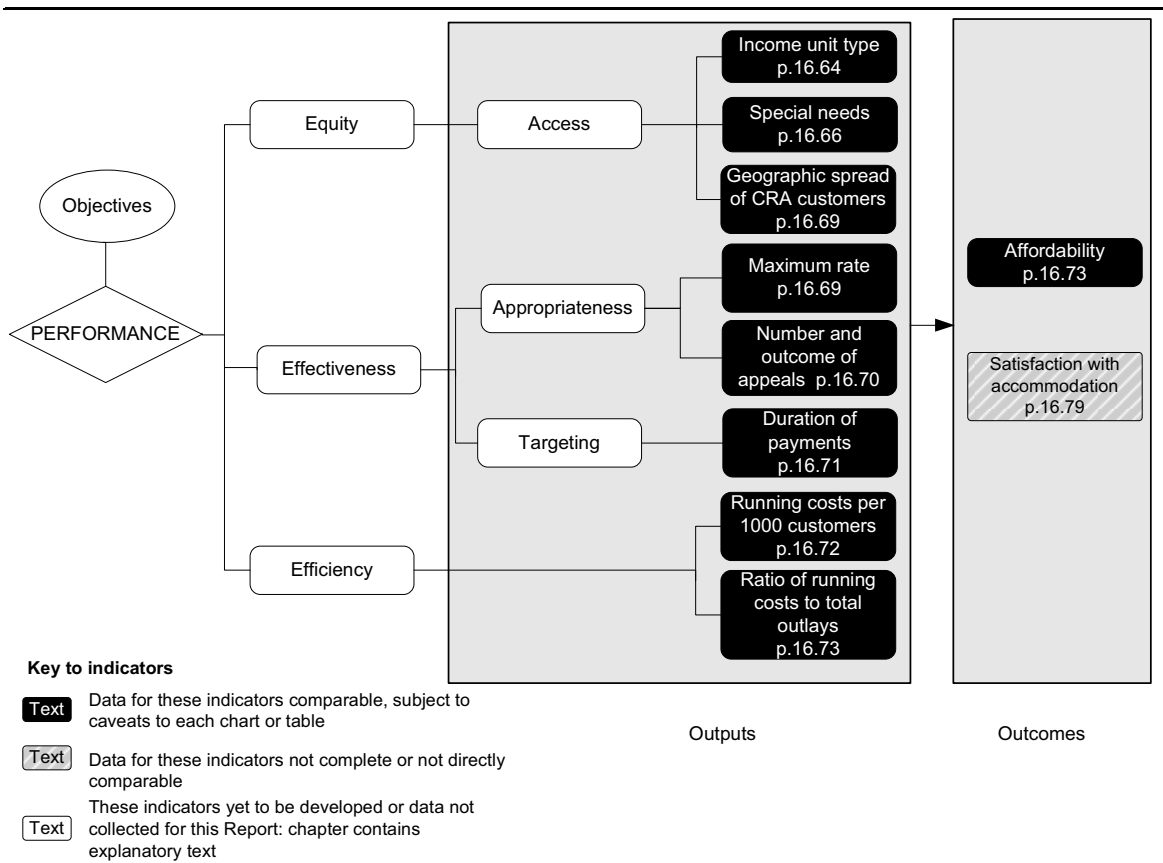


Income units paying more than 30 per cent of income on rent, with and without CRA, 2009^a (p. 16.75)



^a Data and caveats for these figures are available electronically on the CD-ROM enclosed with the Report and from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision (www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2010). Data may be subject to revision. The most recent data will be available on the Review website.

Performance indicators for Commonwealth Rent Assistance (figure 16.13, p. 16.64)



Developments in reporting since the 2009 Report

Improvements in the CRA section of the chapter include:

- reporting of data for the access indicator ‘special needs income units aged 24 years or under, or 75 years or over’ in the CRA service area
- reporting of data for the affordability indicator ‘proportions of income units spending more than 30 per cent and 50 per cent of their income on rent with and without CRA’ for income units aged 24 years or under and aged 75 years or over receiving CRA.

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