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HOMELESSNESS SERVICES (CHAPTER 17)

This chapter reports on the performance of governments in providing homelessness services, specifically services provided under the former Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP). The SAAP program was subsumed by the National Affordable Housing Agreement on 1 January 2009.

- Nationally, in 2008-09, SAAP agencies provided support to 204 900 people (125 800 clients and 79 100 accompanying children) (p.17.5). SAAP agencies provided a range of services to clients, including housing and accommodation services (56.1 per cent), general support and advocacy (77.3 per cent), counselling (57.2 per cent), financial and employment assistance (37.3 per cent), and other specialist services (22.3 per cent) (p.17.6).

Objectives of supported accommodation and assistance services

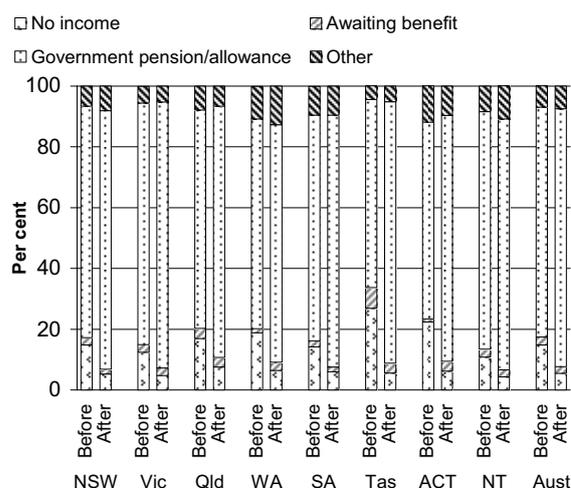
- The overall aim of SAAP services is to provide transitional supported accommodation and a range of related services, to help people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness to achieve the maximum possible degree of self-reliance and independence.

Selection of results

Labour force status of clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain employment and training before/after SAAP support, 2008-09^a

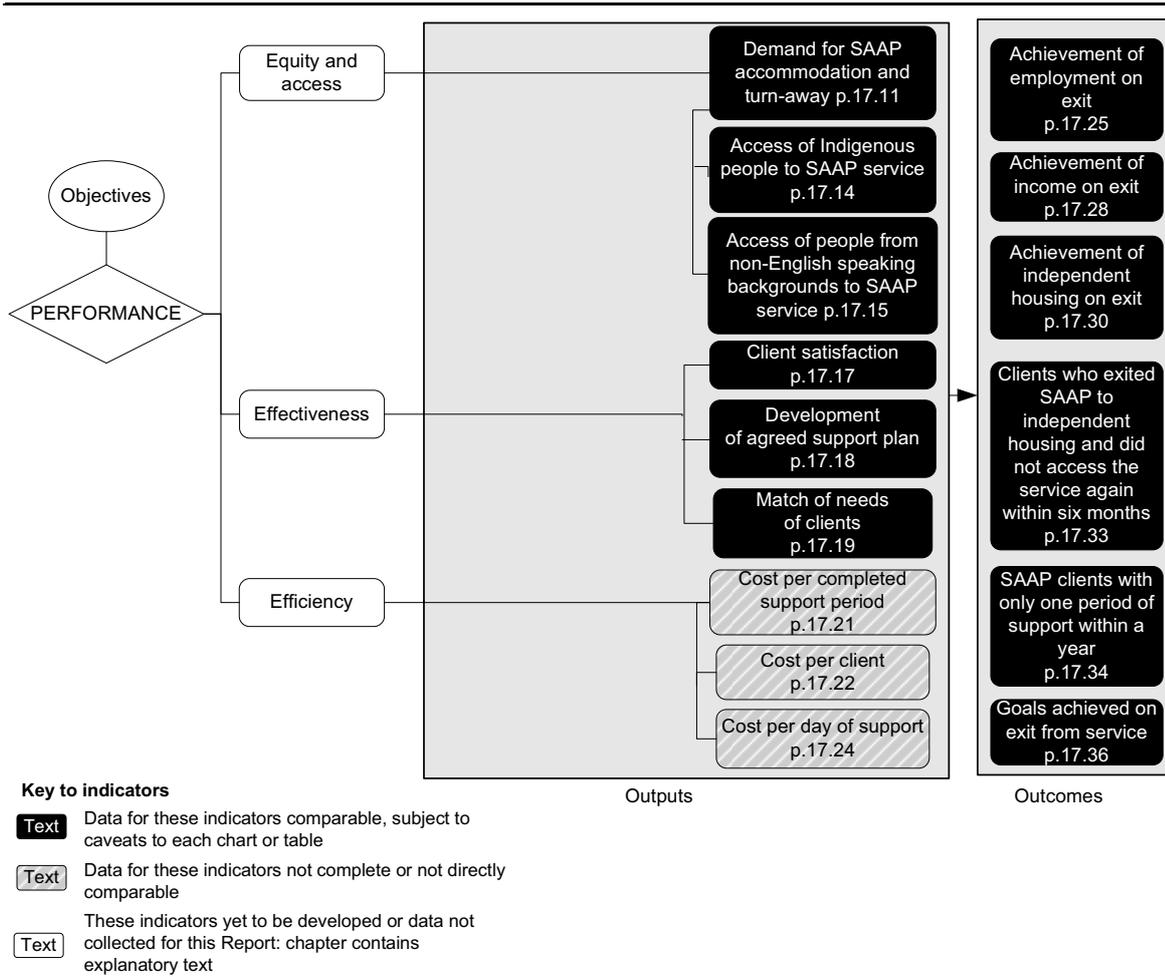


Source of income immediately before/after SAAP support of clients who needed assistance to obtain/maintain a pension or benefit, 2008-09^a



^a Data and caveats for these figures are available electronically on the Review of Government Service Provision website (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 SAAP (figure 17.3, p. 17.9)



Developments in reporting since the 2010 Report

For the first time, this edition of the Report includes a stand-alone Homelessness services chapter in a revised Housing and homelessness section. In addition, the 2011 Report includes expanded expenditure information for 2008-09 and 2009-10 to more accurately report the full cost to government of funding and/or providing homelessness services (including funding for service delivery and administrative expenditure). The Homelessness services chapter also includes additional data to align this Report with the NAHA.

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