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### SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL, PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

#### NCOSS REPLY TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

##### Question:

1. What consultation or engagement, if any, has NCOSS had from the Government regarding the development of the Social Housing Policy, which the Department of Family and Community Services indicated is under the active consideration of the Minister and the Government?

##### Answer:

The Minister for Family and Community Services (Hon Pru Goward) did briefly discuss the state of play regarding the promised Policy Directions for Social Housing when she visited NCOSS on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 to discuss child protection reforms and the housing proposals in our Pre Budget Submission (PBS) for 2014-15. The Minister indicated there would be discussions with stakeholder groups when necessary preparatory work had been completed.

Officers of the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) have indicated that they are proposing to brief us on the matter when they are in a position to do so. A meeting to do so was scheduled but then cancelled.

To date we have not seen any written material on the proposed policy, beyond that contained in the FACS response to the Audit Office's report on public housing.

NCOSS  
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