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**LETTER - HOUSING NSW**



SPB 1757



Ms Monica Barone  
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Dear Ms Barone / *Monica,*

As you are aware, Housing NSW currently provides \$341,000 (including GST) per annum to support the Homeless Persons' Information Centre (HPIC) and the Homeless Persons' Brokerage Program, both of which are managed by the City of Sydney. This funding had been committed for the 2008/09 financial year.

I am writing to confirm Housing NSW's commitment to providing the Brokerage Program component of this funding at the current level for a period of three years (with the option of contract extension for a further two years), noting that a decision regarding the HPIC component will be made following completion of the evaluation of that service which is currently underway.

I understand that the existing Deed of Agreement for both services is being reviewed by Housing NSW and the City of Sydney, and that as part of these negotiations a request has been made by the City for the inclusion of annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases within any new agreement. Whilst consideration will be given to providing this additional funding as part of this Housing NSW's Business Planning process, it should be noted that it will not be in a position to advise as to the outcome of this process until March 2009.

Should you require further information on this matter, please contact Mr John Macmillan, Director, Homelessness Unit on telephone 8753 8487.

Yours sincerely

Mike Allen  
Director-General  
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