

# 1 Introduction

This document is part of a series of documents that report about all forms of housing assistance under the 1999-03 Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement (CSHA). These are:

- ◆ Public Rental Housing
- ◆ Community Housing
- ◆ Aboriginal Rental Housing
- ◆ Home Purchase Assistance
- ◆ Crisis Accommodation
- ◆ Private Rent Assistance.

This document reports on the data collected under the 2001-02 CSHA Aboriginal Rental Housing Data Collection. The specifications for each performance indicator are briefly examined with the data. The Aboriginal Rental Housing Data Manual is available at [http://www.aihw.gov.au/housing/assistance/data\\_collections/manuals\\_and\\_reports.html#arhp](http://www.aihw.gov.au/housing/assistance/data_collections/manuals_and_reports.html#arhp).

Amenity/location (P1) and Customer satisfaction (P7) are not reported in this document as they are not collected on a national basis for the Aboriginal Rental Housing Program. Data for these indicators comes from the National Social Housing Survey (NSHS) which is administered to Public Housing and Community Housing tenants on a biennial basis. Three jurisdictions: South Australia; Western Australia; and Tasmania currently administer the NSHS to Aboriginal Rental Housing Program (ARHP) tenants.

The 2001-02 Aboriginal Rental Housing data will be reported in the Report on Government Services 2003 publication (SCRCSSP 2003) as state and territory owned and managed Indigenous housing. It is anticipated, that from 2002-03 the Aboriginal Rental Housing Program data collection will be renamed the State and Territory Owned and Managed Indigenous Housing Data Collection.

## 2 Background

The 2001-02 CSHA Aboriginal Rental Housing Data Collection was the third collection to occur under the 1999-03 CSHA National Performance Indicator Framework. The 1999-03 CSHA aims to facilitate access to affordable, appropriate and secure housing for people on low incomes and people with special needs. Under this CSHA a new national performance indicator framework was developed. Figure 2.1 outlines the eleven indicators under the new framework.

This document examines the summary and performance indicator data collected in the 2001-02 CSHA Aboriginal Rental Housing Data Collection. The following section outlines the general notes and data qualifications for the summary and performance indicator data.

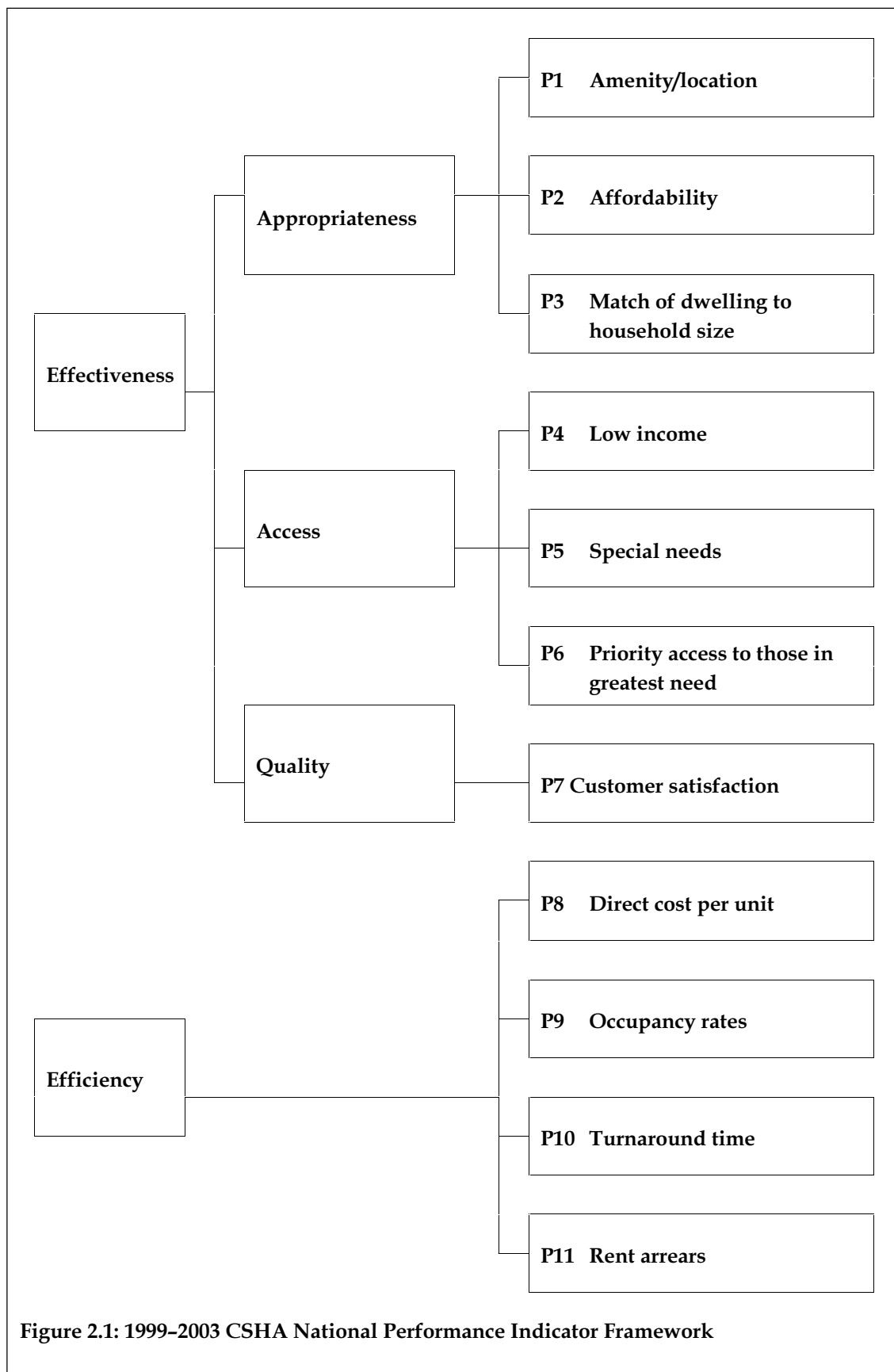


Figure 2.1: 1999-2003 CSHA National Performance Indicator Framework

## 2.1 Changes to the 2001–02 data collection.

### 2.1.1 Clarified counting rules

- **Low income (P4):** The counting rules for distinguishing between ‘low income A’ and ‘low income B’ households have been clarified for the 2001–02 data collection. However, as it appears that these counting rules were implemented in the 1999–00 and 2000–01 data collections, this clarification should not affect the data reported for P4 Low income.
- **Priority access to those in greatest need (P6):** The number of days in each of the time to allocation groups were adjusted such that a calendar month is equal to approximately 30 days.
- **TT2:** In previous collections, the denominator in the calculation of P10 Turnaround time (TT2) was described as ‘Total number of dwellings that are vacated and subsequently tenanted for year ending 30 June’. However, the intention of this data item was to count the number of vacancy episodes for all Aboriginal rental housing dwellings. This clarification has been made to the 2001–02 data manual, however as this counting rule was implemented in the 2000–01 data collection, this clarification should not affect the data reported for P10 Turnaround time.

### 2.1.2 Changes to data definitions

The following definitions in the *National Housing Assistance Data Dictionary* Version 1 were not used in this data collection as they have been amended prior to the release of Version 2 of the *National Housing Assistance Data Dictionary*:

- **Greatest need status and special needs category:** the definitions for these items are provided in the data manual in Appendix A.
- **Low income status:** the definition of ‘low income A’ and ‘low income B’ households is provided in the data manual in Appendix A.
- **The ‘collection methods’ section of the ‘waitlist type’ definition:** the definition of this is provided in the data manual in Appendix A.

## 3 General notes

Data in this manual should be read in conjunction with the Aboriginal Rental Housing Data Manual 2001–02 available at [http://www.aihw.gov.au/housing/assistance/data\\_collections/manuals\\_and\\_reports.html#arhp](http://www.aihw.gov.au/housing/assistance/data_collections/manuals_and_reports.html#arhp).