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 Public Rental Housing data collection. The specifications for each performance indicator are briefly examined with the data. The Public Rental Housing Data Manual is available at http://www.aihw.gov.au/housing/assistance/data_collections/manuals_and_repo rts.html#arhp.

Amenity/location (P1) and customer satisfaction (P7) are not reported in this document as they are collected by the National Social Housing Survey (NSHS). The NSHS is conducted bienally, but one was not carried out for Public Housing in 2001–02.

2 Background

The 2001–02 Public 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 Public 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
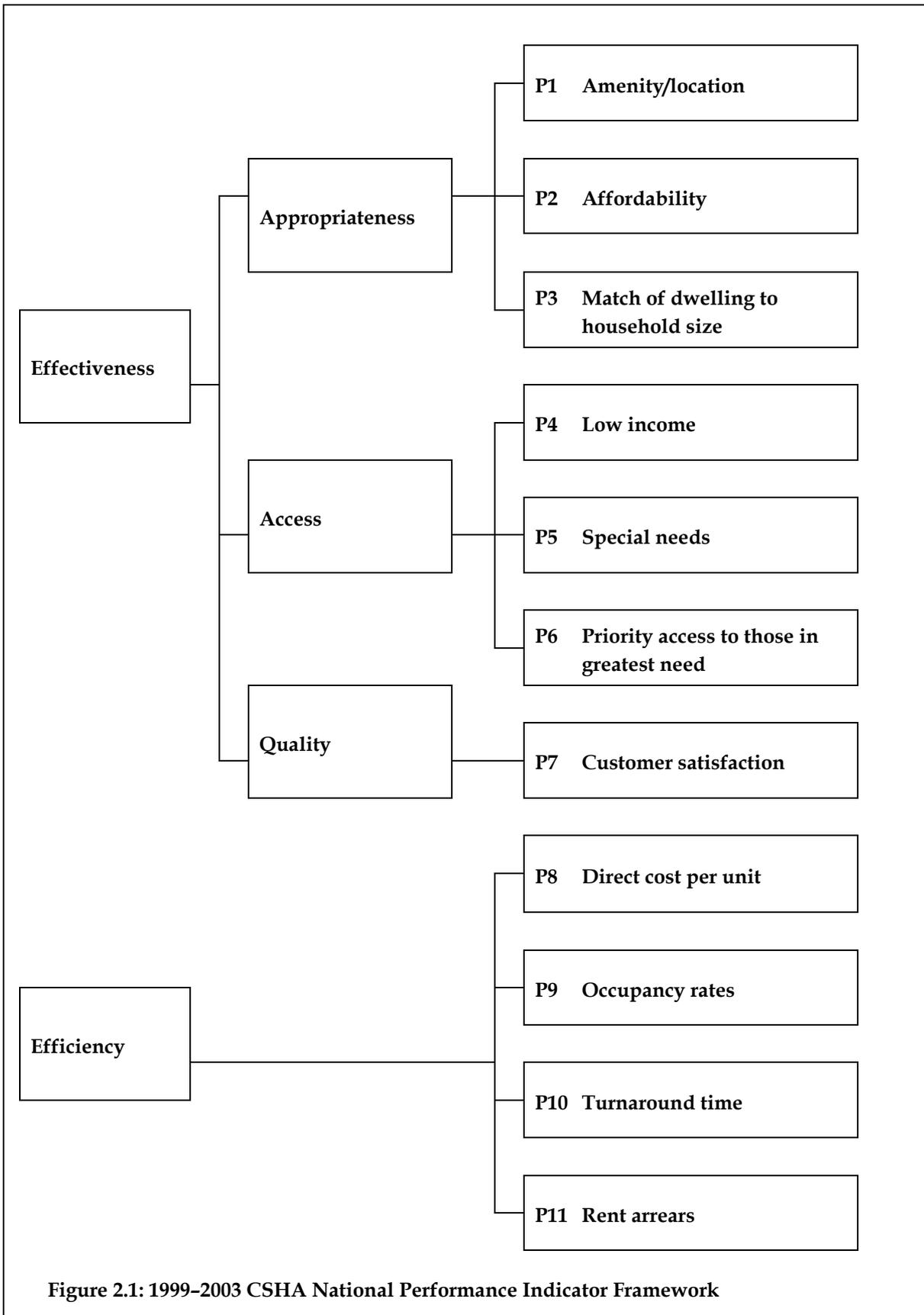
2.1 Changes to the 2001–02 data collection

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 public 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 in the 2001–02 collection.

2.1.2 Changes to data definitions

The following definitions in the *National Housing Assistance Data Dictionary* Version 1 should not be 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 at Appendix A.

- **Low income status:** the definition of 'low income A' and low income B' households is provided in the data manual at Appendix A.

- **The 'collection methods' section of the 'waitlist type' definition**: the definition of this item is provided in the data manual at Appendix A.

2.2 National Social Housing Survey – Public Housing

Data for Amenity/location (P1) and Customer satisfaction (P7) for public housing has been collected annually for 6 years. Information about the 2000 National Social Housing Survey is available at: http://wwww.facs.gov.au/internet/ facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/house-nshsph_2000_nav.htm

The data for P1 and P7 has consistently demonstrated that there is little variation in these indicators across years. It was decided at the March 2002 Housing Ministers Advisory Committee (HMAC) meeting that a biennial collection is sufficient for reporting against P1 and P7. A Public Housing National Social Housing Survey is due to be conducted in 2003.