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Prime Minister Julia Gillard today announced changes to the Ministry and the Cabinet. These mean that there will now be a consolidated focus on housing policy.

The Hon Robert McClelland becomes the Minister for Housing and Homelessness, within Cabinet, responsible for all Commonwealth housing policies and programs.

The Hon Mark Arbib, the current minister for social housing and homelessness, will now be the Minister for Small Business and Sport, and Assistant Treasurer the Manager of Government business in the Senate.

The number of changes will be made within FAHSCIA and the Attorney-General's to support the new arrangements. Robert McClelland is also Minister for Emergency Management, which remains within the Attorney-general's portfolio.

The Federation welcomes these changes as they effectively put the responsibility for all Commonwealth's housing programs and policies within one Minister and one department, FAHSCIA.

The new Ministry will be sworn on 14 December 2011.

For full list of changes, please see [media release](#)

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