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Topic: Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)

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Senator Scullion asked:

How many HOIL homes have had a certificate of occupancy issued?

Answer:

All houses built with Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL) funds are located in the Northern Territory (NT) where, under NT legislation, Certificates of Occupancy are not required. However, for each of the four Kickstart homes constructed for sale to HOIL clients, the builder provided a declaration that each building was constructed to the standards set out by the Building Code of Australia, and declared that appropriate compliance has been met for key components of the house, including structural integrity, electrical and plumbing.

Houses that were bought by HOIL clients from existing rental stock for renovations were required to be habitable under the NT Tenancy Act (1999).

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) has also introduced a condition on any new HOIL loans that final payment will not be released until a building inspection has been completed and all relevant certifications have been issued.