

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO
2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 7

Question No: 165

Topic: Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)

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Senator Scullion asked:

Were the existing homes available for purchase through HOIL compliant with all Australian Building Codes?

Answer:

All approved HOIL loans are for houses located in the Northern Territory (NT). Established houses purchased and renovated by HOIL clients were built by various agencies and local builders over a number of years, and it is not able to be determined whether they all complied with relevant Building Codes as this was not (and still is not) required under NT legislation.

Structural reports were obtained for each of these houses and quotes for renovations were received to address any issues raised in the reports (plus additional works requested by the clients).

Four new Kickstart homes purchased by HOIL clients were compliant with the Building Code of Australia as it applies in the Northern Territory.