

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Topic: Home Ownership on Indigenous Lands (HOIL)

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Senator Siewert asked:

What evidence do you have that land tenure is the main or only barrier to individual home ownership on communal lands?

Answer:

Land tenure is one barrier to home ownership on communal lands. Other barriers include low income levels, high house construction costs, low levels of financial literacy and the lack of town planning and preparatory works to develop sub-divisions.

The Department is working with state and territory governments to reduce barriers by ensuring building construction in remote areas is effectively regulated, and that consumers of building services are adequately protected.