

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: Indigenous Housing – Home Ownership on Indigenous Land

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Senator Siewert asked:

What progress has been made on the HOIL Implementation Plan?

1. Is the promised monitoring strategy in place?
2. The evaluation strategy?
3. The quality assurance strategy?

Answer:

As reported in the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) Performance Audit of Home Ownership on Indigenous Land (HOIL), the monitoring strategy, evaluation strategy and quality assurance strategy proposed in the HOIL Implementation Plan were not developed.

The low take up of HOIL loans to date has not provided sufficient diversity across communities and client profiles to proceed to a full evaluation, as was contemplated by the Implementation Plan for the HOIL program developed by FaHCSIA and Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) in 2006.

The ANAO has recommended that IBA and FaHCSIA clarify HOIL program's strategic direction and develop alternative strategies to overcome barriers to progress and enhance the efficiency of program delivery. FaHCSIA and IBA have accepted ANAO's recommendation and are working together to clarify the program's strategic direction.