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Senator Crossin asked:

Can you provide a copy of the evaluation of the effectiveness of safe houses?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government has undertaken two recent evaluations concerning safe houses. The main evaluation was undertaken by the Bachelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education titled 'Evaluation of the Family Support Package: A community perspective' which was completed in September 2011. The Northern Territory Government has advised it intends to make this evaluation publicly available.

The second evaluation is contained in the Northern Territory Evaluation Report 2011, in the chapter on Community Safety. This records the community's perception of safe houses as part of their 'broader community safety'. A copy of this report can be accessed via the following link: www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/nter_reports/Pages/default.aspx