

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Senator Siewert asked:

How many houses in remote communities have been deemed to be “improvised dwellings”?
What is the breakdown per community?

Answer:

New South Wales

Information on the number of “improvised dwellings” in New South Wales remote communities was not available within the required timeframe.

Queensland

The Queensland Government does not collect data on “improvised dwellings”.

Western Australia

The Western Australia Government does not collect data on “improvised dwellings”.

South Australia

The number of “improvised dwellings” in South Australia fluctuates according to community and ceremonial business. As at 16 July 2012, Housing SA advised of three communities with improvised dwellings. Rent is not charged for improvised dwellings.

Community Name	Number of Improvised Dwellings
INDULKANA	3
YALATA	3
OAK VALLEY	4
TOTAL	10

In addition, Housing SA's Transitional Accommodation Centre in Ceduna, Wangka Wilurrara, has 20 Wiltjas [shelters] to accommodate Aboriginal people seeking more traditional forms of accommodation.

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Tasmania

Tasmania has no reported “improvised dwellings” in its two remote Indigenous communities, Cape Barren Island and Flinders Island.

Northern Territory

Improvised dwellings are not included as part of the Northern Territory Government’s remote housing stock. Rent is not charged for improvised dwellings.

As at 25 June 2012, the Northern Territory Government advises they have identified the following improvised dwellings:

Community Name	Number of Improvised Dwellings
AMANBIDJI	2
AMPILATWATJA	9
ATITJERE	2
GALIWINKU	1
MINYERRI	5
PIGEON HOLE	1
RAMINGINING	1
WARRUWI	1
YUENDUMU	12
Grand Total	34