

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 7

**Question No:** 293

**Topic:** Remote Housing

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert** asked:

How many houses refurbished under SIHIP in the Northern Territory have been placed under tenancy agreements, by community?

How many houses refurbished under SIHIP in the Northern Territory have not been placed under tenancy agreements, by community?

**Answer:**

The following table represents the total number of tenancy agreements under the *Residential Tenancies Act* (NT) signed in relation to refurbished houses which are part of the Northern Territory Government's remote housing stock as at 31 May 2012.

Signing people to tenancy agreements is an ongoing process, and this table represents data at a point in time. Before a tenancy agreement is signed and the new tenants move into the house, the tenants must complete an Intensive Tenancy Support (ITS) program to prepare for their rights and responsibilities as tenants. The program provides support about social issues in remote communities such as transitional housing, managing money and resources, managing visitors and overcrowding and maintaining a safe, clean and healthy house. Some houses require further works to become compliant with the *Residential Tenancies Act* and therefore a tenancy agreement cannot be signed. In these cases, the occupants sign an Occupancy Information Document (OID), which is a formal agreement under which occupants receive a service for a fee paid in line with arrangements prior to the current reforms (poll tax).

As at 31 May 2012, the number of tenancy agreements in place for refurbished houses are as follows:

<b>Community name</b>	<b>Refurbishment completed</b>	<b>Tenancy Agreements signed</b>	<b>Number of houses without Tenancy Agreements in place</b>
Acacia Larrakia*	12	0	12
Abbott's	3	1	2
Anthepe	6	5	1
Charles Creek	8	6	2
Hidden Valley	7	5	2

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Hoppy's	10	8	2
Iparpa	3	0	3
Ilpeye Ilpeye	5	3	2
Karnte	6	4	2
Larapinta Valley	7	4	3
Little Sisters	7	3	4
Morris Soak	5	5	0
Mt Nancy	5	3	2
Old Timers	5	2	3
Palmers	2	1	1
Trucking Yards	11	10	1
Walpiri	3	1	2
Ali Curung	48	48	0
Alpurrurulam	57	56	1
Amanbidji	8	8	0
Amoonguna	40	35	5
Ampilatwatja	24	23	1
Angurugu	10	10	0
Areyonga	24	24	0
Atitjere	18	18	0
Barunga	31	31	0
Belyuen	31	27	4
Beswick	50	25	25
Binjari	17	17	0
Bulla	15	14	1
Bulman	14	14	0
Canteen Creek	18	18	0

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Daguragu	35	34	1
Engawala	14	14	0
Eva Valley	13	13	0
Galiwinku	49	40	9
Gunbalanya	52	44	8
Gunyangara	2	0	2
Haasts Bluff	13	11	2
Imangara	8	7	1
Imanpa	16	16	0
Jilkminggan	24	22	2
Kalkarindji	48	48	0
Kaltukatjara	40	40	0
Kintore	44	44	0
Kybrook Farm	8	7	1
Lajamanu	66	63	3
Laramba	30	29	1
Maningrida	84	79	5
Milyakburra	15	14	1
Minyerri	31	3	28
Mount Liebig	16	16	0
Nguiu	96	96	0
Ngukurr	34	33	1
Nturiya	14	14	0
Nyirripi	30	30	0
Palumpa	25	25	0
Papunya	43	43	0
Peppimenarti	20	20	0

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Pigeon Hole	10	9	1
Pmara Jutunta	22	22	0
Rittarangu	5	5	0
Santa Teresa	65	65	0
Tara	14	11	3
Titijikala	21	21	0
Umbakumba	33	33	0
Wadeye	77	77	0
Wallace Rockhole	13	13	0
Waruwi	24	24	0
Weemol	12	12	0
Willowra	34	34	0
Wilora	16	16	0
Wutunugurra	16	16	0
Yarralin	23	22	1
Yuelamu	27	27	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>1641</b>	<b>151</b>

Of the 151 refurbished houses which do not have tenancy agreements in place:

- Five lots have not been handed over by the Alliance;
- 62 new tenants are undergoing Intensive Tenancy Support;
- 72 have been handed over but an Occupancy Information Document is in place until further work is complete.
- \*12 have leasing issues requiring resolution but have an Occupancy Information Document in place.