

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

**Outcome Number: 7**

**Question No: 295**

**Topic:** Remote Housing

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

1. How much of the SIHIP budget earmarked for the Northern Territory has been expended?
2. Will there be enough funds in the SIHIP budget to complete all refurbishments and construction of new houses targeted?
3. How will the remaining SIHIP budget be allocated?

**Answer:**

1. Details of funds expended by the NT Government should be directed to them for response.
2. The SIHIP Review undertaken in August 2009 established cost parameters for housing outputs. Since the review, the program has met or exceeded each annual target milestone and remains on budget. The Australian National Audit Office's recent report confirmed NT Government advice that there are sufficient funds remaining to complete all refurbishment and new house targets for the period ending 2012-13.
3. As at 31 May 2012 the remaining funding had been allocated to deliver 92 new houses and 708 refurbishments to achieve targets.