Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Siewert asked:

Since the HOIL program began how many loan applications has IBA received from people living on communally-held lands in (a) South Australia, (b) Western Australia, (c) Queensland, (d) New South Wales and (e) the Northern Territory?

Answer:

IBA has received the following number of loan applications from people living on community held lands since the HOIL program began:

a) South Australia – Nil
b) Western Australia – Nil
c) Queensland – Nil
d) New South Wales – Nil

e) Northern Territory - 27 (16 applicants have been approved loans, 2 applicants declined loans and 9 applicants did not proceed with their loan applications).

While no new loan applications have been received in these locations, the Australian Government continues to work with States and the Northern Territory on prerequisite requirements to support home ownership on Indigenous land, including suitable reforms to land tenure.