

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2010-11 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 260

Topic: Housing on Palm Island

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Senator Boyce asked:

When is the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, going to release the desperately needed funding for permanent housing on Palm Island?

Answer:

Palm Island will receive 67 refurbished houses this financial year and 3 new houses and 28 refurbished houses next financial year under the competitive bids process through the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing.

An Indigenous Land Use Agreement has been authorised by the traditional owners and signed by the Palm Island Aboriginal Council. Once registered, the subdivision and construction of up to 20 houses funded under an agreement signed in October 2007 can commence.