

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

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**Question No:** 498

**Topic:** Community Housing

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**Senator Payne** asked:

Can you please provide a further update on the progress and take-up of bulk verification of community housing rents, including an update on the number of Indigenous organisations that have taken it up?

**Answer:**

Department of Human Services data shows that as at 23 October 2012, 50 organisations have used the service to provide around 7,950 rent updates.

One of those 50 organisations is an Indigenous Community Housing Organisation.

As at 19 October 2012, around 5,600 Rent Assistance recipients have benefitted from Bulk Verification of Rent with nearly 750 recipients self-identifying as Indigenous.