

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 2: Indigenous

**Topic:** Replacement of National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing with National Partnership on Remote Housing

**Senator:** Cameron

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**Question:**

- a) What was the reason for ending the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) and replacing it with the National Partnership on Remote Housing (NPRH) /Remote Housing Strategy)?
- b) Why was the NPARIH replaced with the NPRH before the review of the NPARIH was concluded?

**Answer:**

- a) The Commonwealth renegotiated the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) to deliver better results from the Commonwealth investment in housing and to shift the focus of funding to the delivery of outcomes in the areas of improved property and tenancy management, Indigenous employment, participation and procurement and home ownership. Payments to the states are tied to outcomes under the new agreement.
- b) The new agreement included a commitment to undertake a review of the NPARIH and the strategy to be completed at least 12 months prior to its expiry on 30 June 2018.