

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No: 323**

**Topic:** Homelessness

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**Senator Peris** asked:

Can I have an update on homelessness in the Northern Territory. Also what is happening in the NPARIH space and the remote indigenous housing space. Broken down by places like the modern regional centres for homelessness in Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine and Tennant Creek.

**Answer:**

For information on NPARIH please refer to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

According to the ABS 2011 Census, the rate of homelessness in the Northern Territory is 731 people per 10,000 of the population. While this is a reduction from the 2006 Census rate of 792, in comparison to other jurisdictions, the Northern Territory has a significantly higher rate of homelessness; the average for Australia being 49 people per 10,000 of the population.

The table below presents number of homeless people in Australia, the Northern Territory, Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine and Tennant Creek.

Number of homeless people at Census 2011

<b>Region</b>	<b>No.</b>
Australia	105,215
Northern Territory	15,481
Darwin (1)	1,360
Alice Springs (1)	2,714
Katherine (1)	2,701
Tennant Creek (2)	402

Source: ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing: Estimating homelessness 2049.0 1. Statistical Area 3; 2. Statistical Area 2

For more information see

[www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/c311215.nsf/web/housing+and+homelessness+-+abs+homelessness+releases](http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/c311215.nsf/web/housing+and+homelessness+-+abs+homelessness+releases)