

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 7

**Question No:** 207

**Topic:** Assessing Linkages Between Program Activities and Improved Health

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Marise Payne** asked:

The FHBH program was much smaller and the ANAO acknowledged the difficulties that poses in measurement, but still noted that the government, parliament and stakeholders should have received such analysis.

How will the government ensure this is properly done under the NPARIH?

**Answer:**

The National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) established a ten year remote Indigenous housing strategy. The NPARIH includes agreed performance indicators that will be used to measure progress against the objectives of the agreement. Many of the performance indicators cover key contributors to improved health outcomes, for example through measuring reductions to overcrowding, effectiveness of tenancy management and repairs and maintenance systems.

In addition, changes in health outcomes are assessed annually by the Council of Australian Governments Reform Council as part of its performance report on the *National Indigenous Reform Agreement (Closing the Gap)*.