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Senator Payne asked:

Under the NPA and under the funding arrangements for the delivery of Commonwealth funds to the states for Indigenous housing are there any restrictions placed on the number of people who can physically live in particular houses or is that left open?

Answer:

Under the NPARIH the state and Northern Territory Governments are responsible for implementing robust and standardised tenancy management arrangements. Part of these new arrangements includes ensuring that new tenancy agreements are in place that set out the rights and responsibilities of both tenants and government. These agreements include responsibilities in relation to the number of people occupying the house. New and refurbished houses will be covered by the new arrangements as they are completed, with the remaining housing stock progressively transitioned by 2015.