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Question No: 223

Topic: Northern Territory National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing – Scope for Wadeye Lot 232 rebuild.

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Senator Scullion asked: What was the scope of work for Lot No. 232 in Wadeye? How much was claimed for payment for this house and how much was actually paid?

Answer:

The cost for the rebuild at Lot 232 in Wadeye is part of the contract between the Northern Territory Government and the Alliance Partner, New Future Alliance. The Commonwealth Government is not a party to the contract with the Alliance Partner.

Works are still underway on Lot 232. At the completion of the package of works at Wadeye, an average cost for rebuilds will be available.

Following completion of the higher cost priorities, lower priority works for the rebuilt houses have now been authorised and these will be completed shortly. This will include low priority works such as external painting and minor repairs including repairs to window sills.

Scope of Works

Lot 232 was assessed for structural integrity by New Future Alliance and it was determined that only the veranda posts and undermining of the concrete slab in a small section required structural rectification work.

Works completed

- Unsafe conditions were rectified including all electrical and plumbing items;
- Pressure cleaning (270 square metres) and pest removal were undertaken to bring the work site up to a level to meet OH&S standards;
- Repaired and replaced steel door frames and replaced doors (six steel door frames and six doors) including fitting anti vandalism plates, robust locks on entrance doors and weather strips;
- Installation of a new large laundry tub including tapware and waste disposal
- Adjusted and eased windows, fixed light switches, repaired flyscreens (remesh and gasket)
- Internal painting (83 square metres)

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- The kitchen received new stainless steel benches, stove, splashback, double sink and wash up areas.
- Bathroom and toilet received repairs and upgrades to sanitary fixtures and fittings and tiles were replaced where they were damaged or where they had been removed during rebuild work to access plumbing systems behind walls in both the bathroom and the laundry. Waterproofing was required where tiles had been removed and replaced. All the necessary work to the supporting electrical and plumbing systems, required to bring the systems up to NT certification standards, was completed. The work was certified by licensed tradespeople.

Works underway

- external painting
- rectification work to window awnings
- repairs to the window sills.