

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 149

**Topic:** Baniyala Leases

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**Senator Scullion** asked:

Can you please update where the Baniyala community letter petitioning [the Senate for action from Minister Macklin] for a 99 year lease is up to?

**Answer:**

On 15 March 2012, members of the Baniyala community petitioned the Australian Senate to “ask the Minister for Indigenous Affairs to ensure that the Northern Land Council promptly issue 99 year leases to Baniyala families” for home ownership purposes.

The Northern Land Council has statutory functions in relation to lease applications. The process in relation to lease applications is a matter for the Northern Land Council.