

**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:** 233

**Topic:** Remote Housing

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert** asked:

How many houses that have been rebuilt or refurbished under SIHIP or the NPARIA since 30 June 2009 in the Northern Territory have been provided with transitional accommodation (not including tents)?

**Answer:**

The Northern Territory Department of Housing advise that they use two types of transitional accommodation; legacy houses and new houses built under SIHIP/NPARIH.

Communities are always offered options for transitional accommodation. Each community has a Housing Reference Group that advises the Northern Territory Department of Housing about house allocation, locations etc and makes the decision about transitional accommodation.

Communities often prefer that all available funds go directly to fixing houses rather than developing transitional accommodation. In addition to the transitional accommodation being offered, communities (in consultation with the relevant Alliance and the Housing Reference Group) often opt to stay with friends and family or use community buildings or alternative accommodation.