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Topic: Remote Housing

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Senator Siewert asked:

"How many houses have been deemed to be Beyond Economic Repair in the Northern Territory since 30 June 2009?

- Of these BER houses, how many have been demolished and will be rebuilt?
- Of these BER houses, how many will be demolished and rebuilt?
- Of these BER houses, how many will not be rebuilt?"

Answer:

Due to wear and tear of housing, the classification of housing is an ongoing process, consequently the number of houses identified as Beyond Economic Repair since June 2009 represents a cumulative assessment which should be expected to change over the remaining six years of the program.

Since June 2009, 190 houses identified as Beyond Economic Repair have been demolished and rebuilt.

As at 2 November 2012, the Northern Territory Department of Housing advise that 136 houses have been scheduled for demolition in the Northern Territory under the program over the next 12 months.

The National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing in the Northern Territory is scheduled to deliver 522 new houses from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2018. It is the intention of the program that all houses deemed to be Beyond Economic Repair will be demolished and rebuilt in communities where appropriate voluntary long-term secure tenure is agreed and significant Commonwealth investment is justified. Only in exceptional circumstances would a demolished house not be replaced.