

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

Outcome Number: 7

Question No: 243

Topic: Indigenous Land Corporation

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

How many properties have been bought as land restitution?

Answer:

The Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) has acquired 242 properties in accordance with the ILC's governing legislation. Section 191B of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005* outlines the purpose of the ILC and states that the ILC was established to assist Aboriginal persons and Torres Strait Islanders to acquire land and manage Indigenous-held land to provide economic, environmental, social or cultural benefits.

The Act does not specifically mention land restitution as the purpose of the ILC. However, the dual effects of the ILC's land acquisition program are to deliver benefits for Indigenous Australians and restore the Indigenous estate.