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Topic: Baniyala leases

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Senator Scullion asked:

The Northern Land Council has not responded to requests from Baniyala for leases, what action is the department going to take to ensure that the NLC provides a response?

Answer:

On 23 December 2011, the Northern Land Council advised a representative of the Baniyala community of its decision not to grant leases for private home ownership.

The process for responding to a lease application is a matter for the Northern Land Council subject to the requirements of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*.

The Department is continuing to work with the Northern Land Council, Indigenous Business Australia, the Northern Territory Government and other relevant stakeholders to consider opportunities for home ownership on Indigenous land throughout the Northern Territory and elsewhere in Australia.