

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Rachel Siewert

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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: You will probably have to take this on notice, but I am interested to flip around the debate on the focus of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing. Do we have an idea of how many houses in remote communities have not been refurbished—in other words, the size of the job still to go?

Senator Scullion: It might be required to be taken on notice.

Senator SIEWERT: Are you aware if anybody has done that work?

Senator Scullion: I am sure it is available.

Ms Carroll: We will take that on notice.

Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. Has the work been done and, if so, how many by community in the NT? Let us start there. Is that okay?

Ms Carroll: Yes, Senator.

Answer:

Jurisdictions identify communities of highest need. Progress to 31 January 2014 against the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) target is as follows:

	New Houses	Refurbishments
As at 31 January 2014	2,316	6,339
COAG 10-year target	4,200	4,876

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In the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) 2012-13 Annual Status Reports, jurisdictions reported:

	Total remote Indigenous dwellings	Houses remaining that are below Rental Tenancy Act standard and therefore reflect the 'job still to go' as at 30 June 2013
NSW	884	276
Qld	3737	1612
SA	739	111
WA	2439	791
Tas	62	0
NT	5056	1294

The Northern Territory (NT) Government manages the information on specific communities in the NT and identifies priorities for future NPARIH works.

The following table outlines where investment has occurred in the NT:

	New Houses	Rebuilds/ Refurbishments
Acacia Larrakia		12
Alice Springs Town Camps	86	196
Ali Curung	10	63
Alpurrurulam		56
Amanbidji		8
Amoonguna		48
Ampilatwatja		24
Angurugu	60	35
Areyonga		29
Atitjere		18
Barunga		52
Belyuen		32
Beswick	13	53
Binjari		24
Bulla		15
Bulman		14
Canteen Creek	4	21

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	New Houses	Rebuilds/ Refurbishments
Daguragu		35
Engawala		21
Eva Valley		13
Galiwin'ku	90	74
Gapuwiyak	51	51
Gunbalanya	62	70
Gunyangara (Ski Beach)		21
Haasts Bluff		16
Hermannsburg	32	66
Imangara	7	8
Imanpa		16
Jilkminggan		24
Kalkarindji		48
Kaltukatjara		40
Kintore		44
Kybrook Farm		8
Lajamanu	17	82
Laramba		36
Maningrida	125	117
Milikapiti		64
Milingimbi	69	47
Milyakburra	2	32
Minjilang		26
Minyerri		31
Mount Liebig		26
Mutitjulu		33
Naiyu		64
Nganmariyanga (Palumpa)	2	25
Ngukurr	59	60
Nturiya		24
Numbulwar	65	53
Nyirripi		30
Papunya	2	43
Peppimenarti		20
Pigeon Hole		10
Pirlangimpi		30
Pmara Jutunta		31

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	New Houses	Rebuilds/ Refurbishments
Ramingining	27	58
Rittarangu		5
Santa Teresa	3	66
Tara		11
Titjikala		26
Umbakumba	18	42
Wadeye	105	117
Wallace Rockhole		13
Waruwi		24
Weemol		12
Willowra		40
Wilora		17
Wurrumiyanga (Nguiu)	90	160
Wutunugurra		19
Yarralin		23
Yuelamu		30
Finke		31
Yirrkala	6	8
Tennant Creek	22	
Tennant Creek Town Camps		78
Yuendumu		10
TOTAL	1,027	2,929