

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question:

What is the net increase of bedrooms fit for occupancy per remote community in the Northern Territory as a result of the NPARIH construction works? What is the projected net increase of bedrooms fit for occupancy per remote community in the Northern Territory?

Answer:

New National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) housing has been delivered in 21 remote communities and in 13 Alice Springs Town Camps. Additional housing has also been delivered within the remote township of Tennant Creek. Table 1 shows the number of new bedrooms delivered and the net increase in bedrooms after demolitions in these locations.

In addition to the data provided to 31 December 2013, NPARIH works were underway at a further seven remote communities. It is projected approximately 219 bedrooms will be delivered at these communities, with a net increase of approximately 46 bedrooms. Housing data at the community level is not made available until the Northern Territory (NT) Government formally reports on it.

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Table 1 - Bedrooms in remote NT communities

Communities where NPARIH new housing has been delivered (as at 31 December 2013)	Number of new bedrooms delivered	Net increase in bedrooms (after demolition)*
REMOTE COMMUNITIES		
ALI CURUNG	30	11
ANGURUGU	145	103
CANTEEN CREEK	12	6
GALIWINKU	219	156
GAPUWIYAK	116	25
GUNBALANYA	153	141
HERMANNSBURG	73	62
IMANGARA	21	1
LAJAMANU	43	38
MANINGRIDA	299	239
MILINGIMBI**	173	-11
MILYAKBURRA	6	6
NGANMARRIYANGA	6	0
NGUKURR	149	34
NUMBULWAR	134	42
PAPUNYA	6	0
RAMINGINING	61	15
SANTA TERESA	7	0
UMBAKUMBA	48	48
WADEYE	265	223
WURRUMIYANGA (NGUIU)	225	57
SUB TOTAL	2191	1196
ALICE SPRINGS TOWN CAMPS	214	210
TENNANT CREEK	70	70
TOTAL	2475	1476

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Data sources: NT Government internal data (including Alliance Package Reports and the Tenancy Management System) and NT Government formal reporting (the NPARIH Monthly Report, as at 31 December 2013).

***The net increase is in some cases a best estimate, as all pre NPARIH bedroom data may not be completely accurate.**

****Existing infrastructure capacity prohibits further development at Milingimbi.**

The NT NPARIH future capital works programme beyond 2013-14 is subject to a Competitive Bids Process, which is currently underway, and requires final approval by the Australian Government. Projections about increased bedrooms from NPARIH construction cannot be completed until this process is finalised.