

# 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 the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

Have there been any changes to the formula for the Indigenous employment target under NPARIH? Does the Indigenous employment percentage include employees working as part of the Stronger Futures Northern Territory programs?

Is the program on track to meet refurbishment, rebuild and new home targets? Please provide an update on progress, including latest available figures for the rollout and locations.

**Answer:**

There have not been any changes to the Indigenous employment target in the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH). The Implementation Plan for the housing element of the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (SFNT) National Partnership Agreement includes a similar requirement of 20 per cent Indigenous employment. The asbestos removal element under SFNT does not include an employment target.

The programme is on track to meet refurbishment and new house targets. There is not a separate target for rebuilds. Below is an update on progress as at 31 January 2014:

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

\* Rebuilds are included in the refurbishment outcomes.

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Targets are set and progress measured at the jurisdiction level, not at individual community level. Progress as at 31 January 2014 is identified below:

**COAG 10-Year cumulative achievement**

	Refurbishments/rebuilds			New dwellings		
	Completed	2014 Target	Status	Completed	2018 Target	Status
NSW	542	101	Exceeded	187	310	On track
Qld	1,263	1,216	Exceeded	434	1,141	On track
SA	205	206	On track	152	241	On track
WA	1,224	1,288	On track	450	1,012	On track
Tas	57	13	Exceeded	10	18	On track
NT	2,929	2,052	Exceeded	1,027	1,456	On track
National*	6339	4876		2316	4200	

\* Includes housing completed from former Commonwealth programmes since NPARIH commenced and additional Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Programme housing completed.