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Question:

The Forrest Review recommended priority allocation of housing stock for families who send their children to school. During previous Estimates the department indicated bilateral discussions were had with states on this issue. How has this recommendation progressed, and has it been incorporated into any of the Implementation Plans?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government has agreed as part of the Implementation Plan negotiations to implement public housing allocation policies which acknowledge school attendance and employment.

All of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing Implementation Plans include a statement of recognition about the role of safe and secure housing in supporting education.