SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10

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DEEWR Question No. **EW426_10**

Senator Payne provided in writing.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No CA018_10

Question

Closing the Gap – Northern Territory – Enhancing Education – Teacher Housing

In answer to a question on notice at Budget Estimates, you (DEEWR) said that construction on the houses would begin "as soon as possible," with completion due by 30 June 2010. Has construction now begun, and if so, on how many houses? Is it still expected that all houses will be complete by 30 June 2010?

Answer

The Northern Territory Government has a tender process under way for its share of the teacher housing:

- Tender closes 13 November 2009;
- Tenders to be awarded 4 December 2009.

The Northern Territory Catholic Education Office is currently negotiating with the relevant authorities for sites on which the dwellings will be constructed in Wadeye, Nguiu and Santa Teresa.

All dwellings are still expected to be completed by 30 June 2010.