

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 7

**Question No:** 180

**Topic:** Safe Housing – APY Lands

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert** asked:

Can the Department provide the Committee with a copy of the 2008 funding agreement it entered into with the South Australian Government for the construction of a \$4.5 million complex of buildings at Umuwa about which the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs issued a media release on 13 August 2008?

How much of the \$4.5 million was expected to be expended on building the safe house “for people escaping actual and potentially dangerous or abusive situations” as described by the Minister?

**Answer:**

In June 2008 a Program Funding Agreement of \$4,927,101.70 (inclusive of GST) was established between the Australian Government through the Department of Families, Communities and Indigenous Affairs (now FaHCSIA) and the State Government of South Australia, through the Department of Premier and Cabinet – Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division, for the development of the Umuwa Court and Administration Centre. A copy of the Agreement is attached for your reference.

The South Australian Government had plans for a proposed safe house to be located within the Court and Administrative complex, but, on the recommendation of the NPY Women’s Council, the South Australian Government has not proceeded with the project.