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Senator Siewert asked:

Can you provide me with copies of each of the Implementation Plans that have been established between the Commonwealth and respective State and Territory governments as required under the Council of Australian Governments' *National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing*?

On what dates were each of these plans first finalised?

Answer:

Implementation Plans were first finalised with all jurisdictions between March and May 2009. These Plans have been updated to reflect the renegotiated National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH), the outcomes of the recent biennial Competitive Bids Process, the annual review of Implementation Plans and the acceleration of the NPARIH in the Northern Territory.

Revised Plans have now been agreed with the Queensland, Tasmania and South Australian Governments. These Plans are in the process of being published on the Federal Financial Relations website at: www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au.

Revised Implementation Plans were also provided to the New South Wales and Western Australian Governments for agreement on 1 March 2011. A ministerial response is pending noting that the New South Wales Plan is under consideration by the new Government. The Northern Territory Implementation Plan is being amended to reflect the acceleration of NPARIH and negotiations are continuing with the Victorian Government.

All Implementation Plans are expected to be finalised shortly and will then be published on the Federal Financial Relations website.