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Senator Siewert asked:

Will the new housing management agreements under the new legislation apply to all Indigenous housing stock in WA, or just to those that are built under the new process?

Also provide information on the way WA operates in relation to tenancy management, rents, etc. Also provide the same information for South Australia.

Answer:

Under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing the States and the Northern Territory have responsibility for ensuring provision of standardised tenancy management and support for all Indigenous housing in remote areas consistent with public housing standards of tenancy management including through existing service providers where appropriate. This will ensure that rent collection, asset protection and governance arrangements are consistent with public housing standards.

In Western Australia, Housing Management Agreements will cover housing stock that is compliant with the standards under the Residential Tenancies Act 1987. Initially this will mean that Housing Management Agreements will apply primarily to new and refurbished homes as well as those existing houses that already meet these standards.

In South Australia, all housing will be managed to a standard comparable to that received by public housing tenants. The initial focus of new housing will be on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands (APY Lands) and the SA Government has employed a Regional Manager who is based on the APY Lands and is the key delivery contact point for APY communities. For non-APY communities, housing will either be managed directly by Housing SA or by an approved community housing provider which will be subject to an assessment process.