

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

**Outcome Number:** Cross - IBA

**Question No:** 281

**Topic:** IBA – Homes – Agency arrangements

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**Senator Boyce** asked:

What is the name of the group in Nguiu being used by IBA to trial new approaches to agency type arrangements to assist clients. Please provide more details on the trial e.g. How long has it been going on, what business it has turned over etc.?

**Answer:**

While the majority of Home Ownership on Indigenous Land (HOIL) lending has been in Nguiu, IBA currently is trialling a new approach to locally promote and support home ownership in more remote Indigenous communities.

IBA has engaged the Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Enterprises Aboriginal Corporation (GEBIE) to promote and support IBA's HOIL Program on Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island. GEBIE will perform a liaison role between IBA, local organisations and community members of Angurugu, Milyakburra, and Umbakumba in connection with the operation of the HOIL Program.

The trial is in its early stages as arrangements were only finalised in April 2010. Since then GEBIE has assisted in promotion of the HOIL Program, had discussion with potential homebuyers and established working arrangements with various stakeholders.

IBA plans to review the arrangements early in 2011.