

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Topic: Housing on Palm Island

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Senator Boyce asked:

Is it true that the housing situation on Palm Island is unsatisfactory and that up to 20 people share a single dwelling?

Answer:

The ABS Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey (CHINS) 2006 showed an Indigenous population of 3,000 people and 346 houses on Palm Island. A James Cook University June 2010 Census, showed that Palm Island has a population of 3042 people. This indicates that there is an average of 9 people per household.

The building of the additional housing under the Palm Island Agreement and the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) is expected to improve the housing situation on Palm Island. NPARIH will deliver 67 refurbished houses this financial year and three new and 28 refurbished houses next year.