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Topic: Housing on Palm Island

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Senator Boyce asked:

Four 'temporary' structures have been placed on the island. They are in kit form and are not much bigger than the average garden shed. It's claimed that these 'temporary' structures are homes and cost \$300,000 each.

1. Does FAHCSIA describe these structures as homes?
2. What did they each cost to build on Palm Island?
3. If the Department regards them as homes, how many people are they designed to house, how many rooms do they have and what are their basic dimensions?

Answer:

These temporary structures are Queensland Government funded houses. They are not linked to the Palm Island Agreement funding.

We understand that some of the structures are being used as transitional housing to temporarily house people who are required to move out of their houses to enable the Queensland Government to undertake renovations and refurbishment to existing housing stock on the island.