

**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:** 7

**Question No:** 258

**Topic:** Housing on Palm Island

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Boyce** asked:

I am informed that Palm Island has a registered electrician and four registered plumbers, were any local/indigenous tradespeople used in the construction? If not, why not?

**Answer:**

The Australian Government is unable to comment about the employment outcomes associated with the temporary structures built and funded by the Queensland Government. The Queensland Government has a 20 per cent Indigenous employment policy for its construction programs.

As at August 2010 under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH), 28 Indigenous people had been employed on Palm Island in 2009-10 and 2010-11 working on the completion of 6 new houses and 30 refurbishments. This included 12 apprentices and 16 people employed as trainees, tradespersons and in other related activities.