

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Questions:

1. How many houses have been built since the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing was converted to the Remote Housing Strategy?
2. In each jurisdiction?
3. How many houses have been refurbished?
4. In each jurisdiction?
5. Is the program on track to meet its targets?
6. Can the Department advise about what funding will replace the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing due to end in 2018?
7. What funds generally will be made available for remote Indigenous communities, especially those in WA, NT and SA?
8. Could we have an update on the independent Remote Housing Review of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) and the Remote Housing Strategy (the Strategy)?
9. How many meetings have taken place with Indigenous communities and businesses, housing service providers, peak bodies, land councils and state government as indicated in the Review announcement?
10. Where and with whom have those meetings taken place?

Answers:

1 & 2. Northern Territory (NT) and Queensland (QLD) have reported the following new house completions and those underway as part of the 31 October 2016 Milestones:

New House Constructions			
State	2016/17	Underway	Total
NT	10	22	32
QLD	30	85	115
Grand Total	40	107	147

South Australia (SA) and Western Australia (WA) did not have capital works reporting requirements for 31 October 2016 milestones.

3 & 4. Nil.

NT and QLD completed their Refurbishments programme in 2013/14 and do not have a refurbishment target under the Remote Housing Strategy (RHS).

5. As at 31 October 2016 report, all jurisdictions were on track to meet their targets.

6. Arrangements post 30 June 2018 are a matter for Government.

7. See question 6.

8-10. See Question on Notice PM082 Additional Estimates 2016-2017.