

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Topic:** Housing

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

Budget Paper No.2 shows a redirection of \$95 million associated with the existing National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) to reform the Remote Jobs and Communities Programme (RJCP).

- a. What is the purpose and intended use of the redirected funding?
- b. Can you provide the latest data on the NPARIH? Were targets met in all jurisdictions?
- c. According to the 2011 ABS Census of Population and Housing, 60.4% of Aboriginal households in the Northern Territory were subject to overcrowding. Why has the Government cut \$95 million from the NPARIH given overcrowding remains a serious issue in remote communities?

**Answer:**

- a. \$95 million was redirected from NPARIH to the Remote Jobs and Communities Programme (RJCP). This redirection will contribute to the cost of meaningful work like activities for job seekers under RJCP including housing related activities.
- b. All states met or exceeded 2013-14 targets, with the exception of Tasmania. The outstanding two Tasmanian houses were delivered in October 2014.

Jurisdiction	New Houses as at 31 March 2015		Refurbishments as at 31 March 2015	
	10 year target	Cumulative total	10 year target	Cumulative total
NSW	310	256	101	892
Qld	1141	548	1216	1490
SA	241	191	206	218
WA	1012	501	1288	1343
Tas	18	12	13	57
NT	1456	1098	2052	2929
Other	22	57	0	119
<b>National</b>	<b>4200</b>	<b>2663</b>	<b>4876</b>	<b>7048</b>

### **Employment Outcomes for 2013-14**

NSW	20.0%
Qld	84.0%
SA	25.7%
WA	33.0%
NT	27.0%

- c. Under the new Remote Indigenous Housing Strategy the financial commitment to capital works has not been reduced.