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Question:

How much of the \$1.1 billion Remote Indigenous Housing Strategy is required to be spent on housing in remote areas?

- a. How much of the available funding will be spent on employment-related housing in regional and urban areas?
- b. How will decisions be made about where housing will be constructed and who is responsible for making those decisions under the new Strategy?

Answer:

The Government is negotiating a new Remote Indigenous Housing Strategy with the States and the Northern Territory to replace the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing.

The key objective of the new Strategy is to improve remote indigenous housing.

The specific amounts allocated under the Strategy for employment related housing in various locations and governance arrangements are part of the current negotiations.