

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: NPARIH

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Senator Payne asked:

Please provide an update on NPARIH numbers and administration of the program?

Clarification: Please provide details for the NPARIH on:

- Total funding to date;
- A breakdown of funding figures by state and community;
- Detailed funding breakdown of administration costs and construction costs; and
- Forecast completion dates.

Answer:

The Commonwealth has released the following funding to jurisdictions (to 7 December 2012) under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH):

Jurisdiction	Funds released
New South Wales	\$228.852m
Northern Territory	\$1134.983m
Queensland	\$318.784m
South Australia	\$175.484m
Tasmania	\$12.156m
Victoria	\$15.330m
Western Australia	\$478.109m
Total	\$2363.698m

Payments are made in accordance with expenditure and performance reporting arrangements as set out in the National Partnership Agreement.

The Intergovernmental Agreement which governs National Partnership Agreements states that National Agreements will not include financial or other input controls, giving the States and Territories more flexibility in how services are provided to achieve the outcomes for which they are responsible (clauses 21, E5, E16). It also states that, to the fullest extent possible, National Partnerships will align with the principles for designing National Agreements (clause E22) (Federal Finances Circular 2011/2).

For this reason a request for funding by community, and a detailed funding breakdown of administration costs and constructions costs should be directed to individual jurisdictions.

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The NPARIH is a ten-year (2008-2018) agreement. It will deliver up to 4,200 new houses by 2018 and 4,876 existing houses will be refurbished or rebuilt by 2014. The national refurbishment target has been exceeded nearly two-years ahead of schedule as a result of some jurisdictions delivering more refurbishments than anticipated and others delivering at a quicker pace than expected, and the new house delivery is on track to deliver on target.