

# ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

## Question Taken on Notice

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**To:** Hon Selena Uiobo

**Portfolio:** Housing and Homelands

**Agency:** Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

**Subject:** New Homes in Tennant Creek

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### QUESTION:

Under the Barkly Regional Deal, you have indicated that 11 new homes will be built in Tennant Creek. When will they be built?

### ANSWER:

Based on the proposal submitted by Venture Housing, this project will see investment through the Barkly Regional Deal and the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (NHFIC).

This is the first investment NHFIC is providing to a Community Housing Provider in the Northern Territory.

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities is working with Venture Housing and NHFIC to finalise a tripartite funding agreement.

Once the agreement is executed, Venture Housing will be required to commence construction within six months and complete construction within 30 months.

Venture Housing is required to obtain all necessary planning and building approvals, prior to construction commencing.

The Funding Agreement is still being negotiated between relevant parties with an announcement expected in August 2023.

### Other New Builds

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities, through the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, is constructing an additional 10 units in Tennant Creek.

This consists of six one-bedroom units at 74 Peko Road and four one-bedroom units at 86 Peko Road.

These are currently under a procurement process undertaken by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

In October 2019, the former Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development released a Request for Proposal for proponents to build and head lease 22 Government Employee Housing dwellings in Tennant Creek.

In August 2021, 10 two-bedroom dwellings were delivered and head leased by the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities.

Eight two-bedroom townhouses are expected to be delivered by the end of 2023. The proponent for the remaining four three-bedroom units is finalising financial and lending requirements.