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**SUBJECT****INDIGENOUS HOUSING**

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**ISSUE**

How is the Government working with Indigenous Communities to help address their housing needs?

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**RESPONSE**

- **Our government is committed to improving Indigenous housing outcomes, and to building a new relationship together with Indigenous peoples, based on recognition of rights, respect, cooperation, and partnership.**
- **We provide over \$326 million every year to First Nation communities to support a range of housing options, from shelters to community housing to homeownership. CMHC continues to work with Indigenous partners and housing providers to address the distinct housing needs of Indigenous peoples.**
- **Since 2016, we have helped the renovation of over 5,700 homes in First Nation Communities, and 464 of them have benefitted from training and capacity development in the housing sector.**
- **However, we recognize that the Indigenous housing landscape is complex and that the majority, almost 80%, of Indigenous households live in urban, rural and northern areas. We also recognizes that gaps remain and must be addressed to improve the housing needs of urban, rural, and northern Indigenous peoples.**
- **That is why I'm fully committed to support the Minister of Indigenous Services to address critical infrastructure needs in Indigenous communities including the development of a distinction-based Indigenous urban housing strategy.**

*If asked about the PBO report on Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing*

- **I am aware of the issues raised by the Parliamentary Budget Officer's report on Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing. I look forward to the committee's report's recommendations once the report is tabled.**

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## BACKGROUND

### KEY FACTS

#### Budget 2018

**\$1.5B** for distinctions-based housing strategies (**delivered by ISC**)

- **\$600M over three years** to support First Nations Housing Strategy that is being co-developed with First Nations (ISC);
- **\$400M over 10 years** to support an Inuit-led housing plan in the Inuit regions of Nunavik, Nunatsiavut, and Inuvialuit (ISC);
- **\$500M over 10 years** to support the Métis Nation's housing strategy (ISC);

#### Budget 2017

- **\$225M** to improve housing conditions for First Nations, Inuit and Métis people living in urban communities (\$200M delivered through provincial and territory agreements and \$25M for Indigenous housing projects will be delivered through the National Housing Co-Investment Fund.)
- **\$4B** for Indigenous community infrastructure, a portion of which may be dedicated to housing (to be determined) (**delivered by ISC**)
- **\$240M** over 10 years announced to support housing in Nunavut

#### Budget 2016

- **\$554.3M** over two years to address urgent housing needs:
  - \$416.6 million to address immediate housing needs.
  - \$127.7 million to support the renovation and retrofit of existing housing.
  - \$10 million for skills and capacity development for the design, construction, inspection and overall management of housing in First Nations communities.
  - **5,717 homes** have been renovated/retrofitted (As at March 31 2018).
  - **464 communities** have capacity development activities supported (As at March 31 2018)
- **\$10.4M** over three years (committed) for the construction of five new shelters for victims of family violence. As at March 31, 2019 construction of five shelters have been completed.

#### Budget 2016 and 2017

- **Budget 2016 provided \$5M for 2016-17 and Budget 2017 provided an additional \$12.8M** over three years under CMHC's Housing Internship Initiative for First Nation and Inuit Youth (HIIFNIY).
  - These investments provided **1,860 new internships** for Indigenous and Inuit youth between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2020.
- Enhancements to the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS) provided an additional **\$4 million** to support 275 paid HIIFNIY internships on June 25, 2020 as part of the Government's response to the affects of COVID-19 on youth employment.

#### Existing Funding (Section 95)

- **\$316M annually to First Nation communities in support of housing. Funding is delivered through Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).**
  - **\$173M:** CMHC portion

**Some 750 new homes built, over 450 houses** renovated and ongoing subsidy to **over 22,600 households.**