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TOPIC: CRC Program Application Failure

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Senator KIM CARR: Finally, Mr Rossiter, can you confirm that this is the only time that this has happened?

Mr Rossiter: In the history of the CRC Program?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes.

Mr Rossiter: To the best of my knowledge, but I have not been involved for the entire history of the CRC.

Senator Sinodinos: It is a pretty good record if that is the case.

Senator KIM CARR: And that is the point. It actually points to the failure. Is it a problem with the capabilities of the department, Madam Secretary, that this has happened?

Ms Beauchamp: I can't tell you what was the cause of the problem. I think we need to better understand what the system issue was. We have taken corrective action to fix it.

Senator KIM CARR: Will you take that on notice?

Ms Beauchamp: We received all the applications within the 24-hour period after that.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. If you could take that on notice—

Mr Stirling: It is important to note that the CRC-P part of the program uses the same system, that applications for CRC-P round 2 came in after the closure of the 18th round and that the lodgement in that space was seamless.

ANSWER

No, there is no issue with the capabilities of the department. In the last 12 months, the department has successfully managed over 3,600 applications across 17 different programs.