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Answers to questions on notice
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Topic: Caring For Our Country Grants

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Senator Rushton asked:

Senator RUSTON: I will give you the whole lot. Answer as much as you can and the rest can go on notice. Between 1 July and when the 43rd Parliament was prorogued how many Caring for Our Country grants were approved? Can you give me an idea of what was approved in August, and for which programs.

Mr Sullivan: I will have to take that question on notice to give you that level of detail in terms of the split. As I understand it you want to know how many Caring for Our Country programs in total were approved from the start of the financial year.

Senator RUSTON: Yes; up to the proroguing of parliament. Can you give me which programs and the dates for them.

Answer:

A total of 203 Caring for our Country grants valued at \$334,401,659.31 (GST exclusive) were approved between 1 July 2013 and the proroguing of Parliament on 5 August 2013.

A summary of the grants approved are listed below by date and programme.

Caring for our Country grants approved in July 2013

Programme Name	Number of Grants	Grants Value (GST exclusive)
Caring for our Country - Environmental Stewardship	2	3,607,727.26
<i>Caring for our Country - Natural Heritage Trust</i>		
Caring for our Country - Community Environment Grants	68	2,479,530.00
Caring for our Country - Reef Rescue	27	84,826,739.40
Caring for our Country - World Heritage Grants	14	39,418,082.00
Caring for our Country - Target Area Grants	30	35,385,471.65
Caring for our Country - Regional Delivery Environment	4	7,342,000.00
Caring for our Country - Regional Delivery Agriculture	49	123,142,809.00

Caring for our Country grants approved in August 2013

Program Name <i>Caring for our Country - Natural Heritage Trust</i>	Number of Grants	Grant Value (GST exclusive)
Caring for our Country - Reef Rescue	3	30,000,000.00
Caring for our Country - Regional Delivery Agriculture	5	8,151,620.00
Caring for our Country - Community Environment Grants	1	47,680.00