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**QUESTION No.:** AI-12

**Senator KIM CARR:** So there are 270 businesses out there waiting for a decision.

**Ms Henderson:** There are in the order of 270 applications. It could well be that a business has lodged more than one application.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Sure, but it is unusual?

**Ms Henderson:** It is not unusual. I could not tell you the breakdown—

**Senator KIM CARR:** But there are different levels of assistance under Enterprise Connect, if I remember rightly. Are you saying that there are many more or many fewer than 270?

**Ms Henderson:** From recollection it is between about 272 and 279. It depends on the date that we are providing information for.

**Senator KIM CARR:** How many businesses would that be?

**Ms Anton:** We would have to take that on notice. In terms of the Enterprise Connect business review process, there is a series of recommendations made about how the business might improve its operations and then a business can apply for up to \$20,000 in support to progress those. It may often apply for two lots of funding to progress different recommendations.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Thank you. I look forward to further discussion on that.

**ANSWER**

As at 28 February 2014, 280 businesses submitted tailored advisory service grant applications.