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Question: (Senator Birmingham)

Senator BIRMINGHAM—In terms of assessments numbers, how many assessments have been undertaken to date, to your knowledge?

Ms Mackie—One hundred and forty-three thousand.

Senator BIRMINGHAM—Is that the number of assessments that payments have been made by the department for or for which invoices have been received?

Ms Mackie—I do not have the details on the payments made, just on the assessments that have been completed. I would need to take that on notice.

Answer:

As at 9 May 2010, approximately 286,000 home sustainability assessments had been completed as a part of the Green Loans Program.

Data is not readily available in relation to the number of assessments for which payments have been made.

Assessors are asked to invoice the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (DCCEE) on a monthly basis for all assessments completed in the previous month.

As at 10 May 2010, DCCEE was processing assessor invoices received as at 3 April 2010. Information in relation to payment processing timeframes is available and regularly updated on the Green Loans Program website.