

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 103

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2011:

I've had it noted to me by several Local Government Associations (LGAs) that the eligibility requirements for funding from state Governments under the NDRRA were unclear and confusing

- a) What sort of timeframes does the Department work to between the disaster event occurring, to releasing information about NDRRA assistance to the public?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The Department updates the Australian Government Disaster Assist website (www.disasterassist.gov.au) as soon as possible after being notified by the relevant state or territory that a disaster is an eligible disaster for the purposes of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements Determination. The Department also works with the Minister's Office to ensure media releases and other public information is made available as soon as possible.