



Australian Government

National Emergency Management Agency

Supplementary Submission to the Inquiry into insurer's responses to 2022 major flood claims

OFFICIAL

Introduction

On Friday 15 March 2024, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) appeared before the Standing Committee of Economics at the hearing for the Inquiry into insurer's responses to 2022 major flood claims.

The Committee Chair, Dr Daniel Mulino MP, requested additional information on the funding amounts provided in the Coordinator General's Opening Statement.

National Emergency Management Agency

Extract of Hansard

Committee Chair, Dr Daniel Mulino, Federal Member for Fraser asked Mr Brendan Moon, Coordinator General, National Emergency Management Agency, on 15 March 2024:

CHAIR: Final question: the figures on page 3, you have across the four events that are explicitly mentioned in our terms of reference—relief measures to individuals, total \$5.44 billion, and then exceptional circumstances assistance \$6.58 billion. Are you able to provide a breakdown of those numbers by the subcategories and also by layer of government?

Mr Moon: We can certainly provide a breakdown by [inaudible] area. For example, we've got four events there, and some of those events, for example, were all spanned. I look at the Central West flood event. Relief measures were available to in excess of 76 council areas. So we could potentially, I think, provide a spatial layer or provide a list of all the local government areas that received a particular relief measure, but it will be essentially a summed value for the entire footprint, because the states do not break it down, as far as I'm aware, to that local government level.

CHAIR: I should have been clearer. I was thinking more, of the \$5.44 billion, say, how much was state and how much was federal, that kind of breakdown.

Mr Moon: Certainly. It's very much driven by the cost-sharing thresholds and the complexities of DRFA. But we're happy to provide a brief out-of-session on that because it might take more time than we've got this afternoon.

CHAIR: Just to get a rough sense. For example, the \$6.58 billion, it looks like there's a bunch of categories there, like temporary accommodation, mental health support, Resilient Homes Fund. It would be interesting to get a sense of which are the bigger areas of spend.

Response to Question

NEMA provides the following answer to the Chair's question, noting a correction has been made to the figures originally provided.

The relief measures to individuals is made up of the Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA), and the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP) and totals \$3.47 billion. The Australian Government may activate these payments when an event is particularly severe, taking into account the severity and widespread nature of the impacts to individuals and communities in the areas declared disasters by the state. These payments are 100% funded by the Australian Government.



OFFICIAL

The below table provides a breakdown by payment for each of the major flooding events between February and November 2022.

State	Flood Event	Dollars Paid		
		DRA	AGDRP	Total
Queensland	SE QLD floods (February - April 2022)	\$71.6 million	\$433.1 million	\$504.7 million
New South Wales	NSW (June-July 2022)	\$33.3 million	\$1.16 billion	\$1.19 billion
New South Wales	NSW Lismore & Northern Rivers (February-March 2022)	\$86.7 million	\$1.36 billion	\$1.45 billion
New South Wales	NSW Lismore & Northern Rivers Top Ups	\$18 million	\$205.3 million	\$223.3 million
New South Wales	NSW Flooding (September 2022)	\$7.3 million	\$26.3 million	\$33.6 million
NSW TOTAL		\$145.3 million	\$2.75 billion	\$2.90 billion
Victoria	Victoria Floods (October 2022)	\$16.2 million	\$41.9 million	\$58.1 million
Tasmania	Tasmania Floods (October 2022)	\$0.3 million	\$7.2 million	\$7.5 million
TOTAL		\$233.4 million	\$3.23 billion	\$3.47 billion

In regards to the \$7.45 billion exceptional circumstances assistance funded under Category C and D of the DRFA, this is cost-shared (50:50) between the Australian and State Governments. The below provides a breakdown of the funding for these events, as well as the total Australian Government commitment.

OFFICIAL

South East QLD Floods

Measure	Total cost	Aus Govt
Primary Producer Recovery Grants	\$250 million	\$125 million
Small Business and Not-for-profit Recovery Grants	\$257.5 million	\$128.75 million
Local Recovery and Resilience Grants	\$23 million	\$11.5 million
Sports and Recreational Assets Grants	\$1 million	\$500,000
Clean up package	\$12.5 million*	\$6.25 million
Resilient Homes Fund comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilient Household Rebuild Program (\$125m) Home Raising Program (\$100m) Voluntary Home Buy Back Program (\$500m) Industry and Community Education Program (\$6m) Property Level flood information program (\$10m) 	\$741 million*	\$370.5 million
Flexible Funding Grants	\$20 million*	\$10 million
Community Health and Wellbeing	\$24.54 million*	\$12.27 million
Accommodation support package	\$108.1 million*	\$54.05 million
Community Development	\$12.08 million*	\$6.04 million
Medium to large business concessional recovery loans	\$150 million*	\$75 million
Industry Recovery and Resilience Officers	\$2.5 million*	\$1.25 million
Small Business Recovery and Resilience package	\$14.5 million*	\$7.25 million
Rural Landholder Recovery Grants	\$3 million*	\$1.5 million
Tourism Recovery and Resilience Package	\$7 million*	\$3.5 million
Environmental Recovery package	\$38.9 million*	\$19.45 million
Flood Risk Management	\$31 million*	\$15.5 million
Community and Recreational Assets	\$198.54 million*	\$99.27 million
Betterment for Roads and Transport	\$150 million*	\$75 million
Monitoring and Evaluation	\$5 million*	\$2.5 million
TOTAL	\$2.05 billion*	\$1.025 billion

*Funding is agreed across multiple events: South East Queensland Rainfall and Flooding; Tropical Cyclone Seth; Central, Southern and Western Queensland Rainfall and Flooding; and Southern Queensland Flooding.

OFFICIAL

NSW Lismore & Northern Rivers (February-March 2022)

Measure	Total cost	Aus Govt
Clean up package	\$300 million**	\$150 million
Primary producer (\$75,000), not-for-profit organisation and small business grants (\$50,000)	\$330.2 million**	\$165.1 million
Community Recovery Officers	\$6.5 million	\$3.25 million
Local Council grants up to \$1 million	\$62 million	\$31 million
Housing assistance package comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rental support scheme (\$248 million*) Temporary dwelling program (\$20 million) Northern Rivers Modular Housing Program (\$438 million) Additional temporary accommodation services and programs, including recreation camps, mobile motor homes, housing brokerage service and housing flood recovery service etc. (\$17.2 million) 	\$723.2 million	\$361.6 million
Rural landholder recovery grants (up to \$25,000)	\$35 million**	\$17.5 million
Primary Industry Support Package, comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critical producer grants (\$100 million) Recovery and resilience grants (\$50 million) 	\$150 million	\$75 million
Northern Rivers business support package, comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants for small and medium businesses in the Northern Rivers region Small Business Support Program for Kangaroo Valley LGA Anchor Business Grants program– funding support for large businesses in the Northern Rivers Region 	\$165 million	\$82.5 million
Flood property assessment program	\$142 million**	\$71 million
Back Home Grants	\$182.5 million**	\$91.25 million
Regional Roads and transport recovery package	\$312.5 million	\$156.25 million
Aboriginal housing recovery package	\$70 million**	\$35 million
Community Infrastructure Recovery Package	\$305 million**	\$152.5 million
Resilient Homes Fund	\$700 million**	\$350 million
Total	\$3.484 billion	\$1.742 billion

**Funding measures are shared across this event and the NSW Flooding (June/July 2022) event

OFFICIAL

NSW Flooding (June/July 2022)

The below measure is in addition to the measures listed in the table above.

Measure	Total cost	Aus Govt
Local Government Recovery Grants	\$51 million	\$25.5 million
Total	\$51 million	\$25.5 million

NSW Central West Flooding (August 2022) & NSW Flooding (September 2022)

Measure	Total cost	Aus Govt
Primary Producer grants up to \$75,000	\$268 million	\$134 million
Small Businesses and Not-for-profit Organisation grants up to \$50,000	\$85.2 million	\$42.6 million
Rural Landholder grants up to \$10,000	\$5.9 million	\$2.95 million
Local Council grants up to \$1 million	\$47.5 million	\$23.75 million
Clean-up assistance program	\$39.3 million	\$19.65 million
Back Home Grants up to \$20,000	\$63.7 million	\$31.85 million
Rental Support Scheme	\$10.9 million	\$5.45 million
Property Damage Assessment Program	\$8.9 million	\$4.45 million
Community Volunteer and Non-Government Organisation program	\$9.1 million	\$4.55 million
Medium Size Business Supports Grants	\$6.1 million	\$3.05 million
Regional Transport Resilience (Betterment) Fund	\$32 million	\$16 million
Community Assets Program	\$25 million	\$12.5 million
Legal Aid assistance program	\$1 million	\$0.5 million
Central West Housing Consultation program	\$2 million	\$1 million
Total	\$604.6 million	\$302.3 million

OFFICIAL

Tasmania Floods (October 2022)

Measure	Total cost	Aus Govt
Primary Producer, Small Business and Non-profit Organisation Recovery grants up to \$25,000	\$56.1 million	\$28.07 million
Community and Recreational Assets Clean-up package	\$13.1 million	\$6.55 million
Private Landholder Support package up to \$10,000	\$2.1 million	\$1.05 million
Monitoring and evaluation program	\$0.25 million	\$0.125 million
Total	\$71.55 million	\$35.78 million

Victoria Floods (October 2022)

Measure	Total cost	Aus Govt
State-wide clean-up package	\$150 million	\$75 million
Community Recovery Officers package	\$10.3 million	\$5.15 million
Business and Not-for-Profit Recovery package ("Business package")	\$506.88 million	\$253.44 million
Primary producer and Rural Landholder Recovery Support package ("Agricultural package")	\$305.91 million	\$152.95 million
Environmental Support package	\$105.52 million	\$52.76 million
Community Support Services package	\$59.34 million	\$29.67 million
Health Support package	\$2.10 million	\$1.05 million
Council Support Fund	\$34.25 million	\$17.13 million
Council Priority Betterment package	\$9.40 million	\$4.7 million
Total	\$1.184 billion	\$592 million