

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Inquiry into the Climate Risk Assessment

2025 - 2026

Department: Department of the Treasury
Topic: Base figure spend on disaster recovery
Reference: Spoken 16 September 2025
Senator: **Larissa Waters**

Question:

Senator WATERS: There seems to be some real gaping holes in the issues that you're looking at. Surely these sorts of figures are necessary for taking future government decisions. Australia's national climate risk assessment report states that recovery from natural disasters will cost seven times more than they currently do by 2090. What's the base figure that we spend on disaster recovery at the moment?

Dr Heath: I don't have that, off the top of my head. I will have to take that on notice, I'm sorry.

Answer:

On 29 September 2025, the Australian Government released the Final Budget Outcome which reported cash payments to the states of \$1.38 billion in 2024-25 under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.