

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Senator ABETZ - Are you able to tell us the claims made in each of those areas on each day?

Mr Tidswell - I would have to, again, take that on notice. Basically, we would run a data job that would go back and look at all the information and corral it into LGAs. Could we then get it day by day? It would be a very big document, but I am pretty sure we could do that.

Senator ABETZ - I would imagine each claim would have the date impressed upon it somewhere and, therefore, a search of the date should not be a massive task, should it?

Mr Tidswell - We will take that on. I think you are right. I think it should be achievable. It will be a big task.

Senator BOYCE - Just to clarify something, it was LGA by date?

Senator ABETZ - Yes, thank you.

Answer:

Centrelink is not in a position to answer this question given the complexity of the request. The resources required to undertake this task are substantial and have not been authorised for this request.

Refer to the answer to HS10 which provides data on the number of recipients, by Local Government Area, to whom the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment was paid for the Queensland floods and Tropical Cyclone Yasi.