

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Mr Tidswell - The total AGDRP number as of midnight last night is 636,725 and the total value paid was \$739,515,199 and - that figure again - 99c.

Senator HUMPHRIES - As a matter of interest, how do you get fractions of a dollar, because people are entitled to \$1,000, or \$400 for a child?

Mr Tidswell - That is a very good question. We will take that on notice and come back to you. You asked for the exact figure and I have supplied that.

Senator HUMPHRIES - I appreciate the accuracy. Is it possible to get those figures in each case? I know on the website I can get the figures broken down by disaster episode. Can I also get them broken down by disaster episode for that 31 January snapshot as well?

Mr Tidswell - Certainly. We will get what we have because obviously Cyclone Yasi had not eventuated at that stage.

Senator HUMPHRIES - Of course.

Mr Tidswell - There were also other declarations that had not been made at that stage.

Answer:

The 99 cents figure of the total value paid for Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP) of \$739,515,199.99 is derived from a manual coding error.

The data by disaster episode for AGDRP is provided in the table below.

31 January 2011							
Event	QLD Floods	NSW Floods	VIC Floods	Tropical Cyclone Yasi	WA Floods	WA Bushfires	Total
Number of Grants	314,194	3,097	11,106				328,397
\$Paid	\$372,103,199.99	\$3,678,800	\$12,510,600				\$388,292,599.99

23 February 2011							
Event	QLD Floods	NSW Floods	VIC Floods	Tropical Cyclone Yasi	WA Floods	WA Bushfires	Total
Number of Grants	374,596	8,654	22,944	227,696	734	2,101	636,725
\$Paid	\$440,495,999.99	\$10,135,600	\$26,180,800	\$259,475,400	\$858,800	\$2,368,600	\$739,515,199.99

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AGDRP

Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment - A payment of \$1,000 per adult and \$400 in respect of each child for which the eligible adult is the principal carer.

Number of Grants

The number of Adult claims (which may include children) which resulted in a granted outcome.

\$Paid = Total gross dollars paid for adults and children in the reporting period.

AGDRP for:

Tropical Cyclone Yasi first granted on 6 February 2011

WA Floods first granted on 14 February 2011

WA Bushfires first granted on 15 February 2011