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Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Senator Chisholm, Anthony asked:

Senator CHISHOLM: Just picking up on the point you made that the minister 'can agree with those if he wants'. Does he take the departmental advice, or is he able to recommend his own?

Mr Dadswell: The department recommends projects. We provide a list of all the project applications that we have received and set out how we have assessed the projects and the reasons why we are recommending those that are put to the minister. I am not aware of a circumstance where we have been asked to implement a project that was not otherwise recommended.

Senator CHISHOLM: In terms of the demand for the projects, is it something that demand is outstripping what has been allocated?

Mr Dadswell: In all project rounds that have been run we have received more applications than the number of projects that have been approved. In the most recent—if I can perhaps just refer to previous project round. So under project round 4 we received 697 applications and 397 projects were approved from that number of applications. So 697 applications received and 397 approved. That was under round 4 of the program.

Senator CHISHOLM: Is it possible, and you may have to take this one on notice, to get a list of what is being funded and also a map of their locations?

Mr Dadswell: Yes, I am happy to take that on notice and provide that. I think in a previous answer to a question on notice we may have provided some details of the breakdowns of where projects have been funded. I am certainly happy to take that on notice.

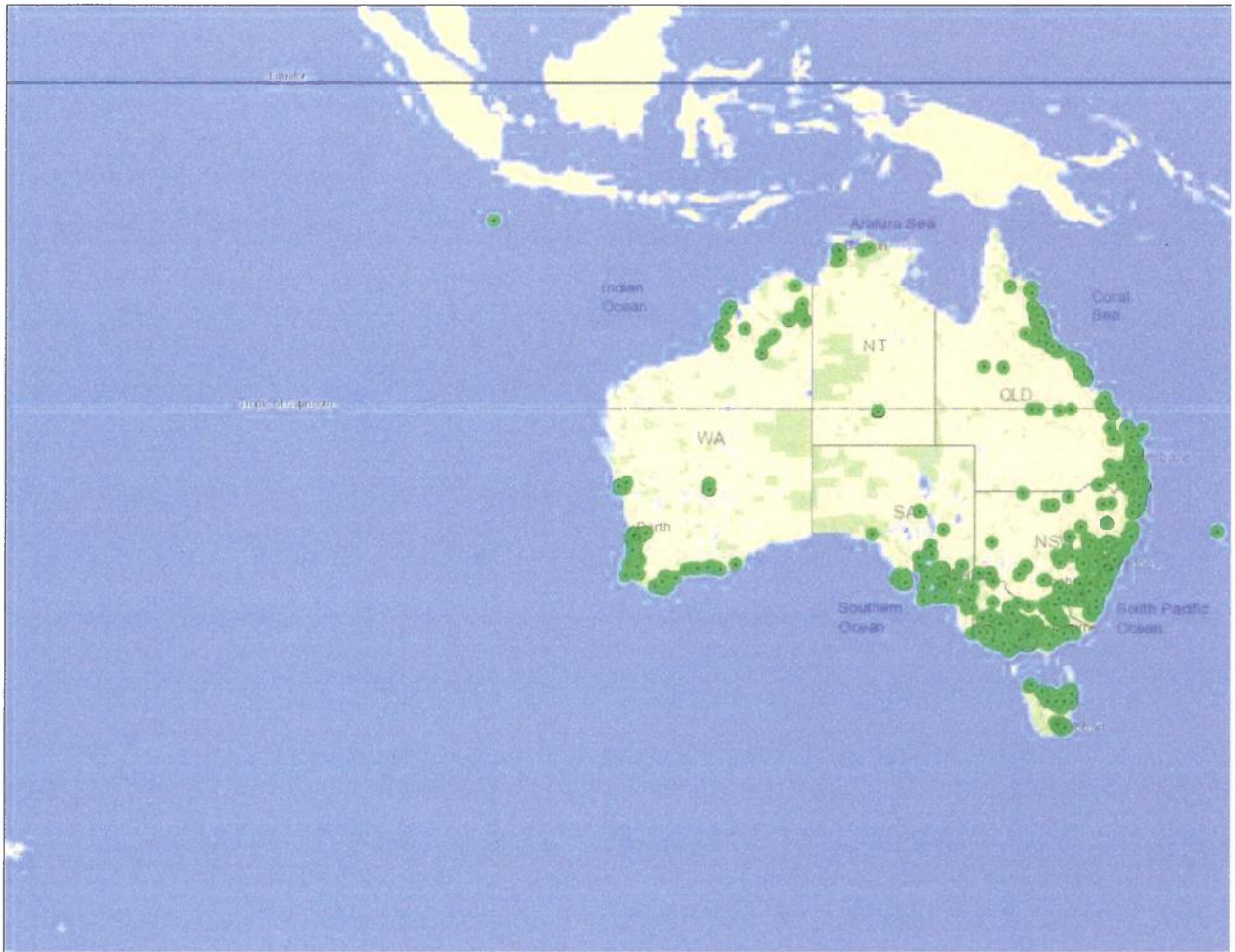
Answer:

1. As at 31 August 2016, 1,145 projects have been announced. 264 projects are currently underway, with a further 627 complete, totalling 891 projects. **Attachment A** illustrates the locations of projects across Australia. **Attachment B** provides information on projects by location and funding round.

Attachment B

State / Territory	Round 1*	Round 2*	Round 3	NDRR	Round 4	Total (inc. NDDR)
NSW	108	87	59	20	131	405
ACT	1	7	4	0	3	15
VIC	45	34	23	5	50	157
QLD	55	92	30	19	62	258
SA	26	17	4	0	48	95
TAS	16	12	3	0	24	55
WA	14	28	30	0	73	145
NT	0	6	3	0	6	15
Total	265	283	156	44	397	1145

Green Army Project Sites



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