

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Group 3**

**Program 1.7**

**Question BE14/037**

**Senator McLucas asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:**

**Senator McLUCAS:** Do you know how many people in Hope Vale have received the Disaster Recovery Allowance?

**Mr Crossweller:** I think I will have to take that on notice. I do not think we have that specific information here tonight.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

As at 28 May 2014, less than 20 claims had been granted for the Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA) for the local government area of Hope Vale following tropical cyclone Ita. A number of submitted claims were withdrawn by the customer in order to apply for the Newstart Allowance instead.

Where claim numbers are less than 20, due to privacy and other relevant laws applicable to the information, we are unable to report on the exact number of claims granted.