

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question No: AET 27

Topic: ASSISTANCE VISITS

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Senator Ryan asked:

How many assistance visits has the ATO made to flood affected small businesses?

Answer:

Flood Events

During the period 1 July 2010 to 1 March 2011, the ATO has conducted 7,436 support visits (ATO initiated) to small businesses affected by flood events. As a result of these visits, the ATO received requests for more in-depth business assistance visits from 159 small businesses in the same period. These further in-depth business assistance visits have been conducted or are scheduled to be conducted.

Cyclone Yasi

In addition, the ATO conducted 2,966 support visits (ATO initiated) to small businesses affected by Tropical Cyclone Yasi. As a result of these visits as well as the ATO's presence at community recovery centres, the ATO received requests for more in-depth business assistance visits from 73 small businesses in the same period. These visits have been conducted or are scheduled to be conducted.