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Topic: Solar Flagships - Solar Thermal and Solar Photovoltaic

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Senator Milne asked:

Senator MILNE: I am glad to hear that is underway. I would like to move on now to the flagships program. Thank you for the statement before. Can you tell me how many solar thermal applications were received in the first round?

Mr Stone: I do not have a breakdown here between the solar thermal and the solar photovoltaic, but there were 52 applications or expressions of interest received in the first stage of the process.

Mr Clarke: From memory, there were a few more on the PV side than the thermal side.

Mr Stone: Yes. That is correct.

Mr Clarke: It will be in the order of magnitude of 20 thermal and 30 PV.

Senator MILNE: Can you take that on notice?

Mr Clarke: I am sure we can get that to you very quickly, yes.

Senator MILNE: You can provide that on notice.

Answer:

Twenty six proposals for projects using solar thermal technology were received in the first round of the Solar Flagships program.

Twenty five photovoltaic (PV) project applications were received and one applicant did not specify its technology type.