

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

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**Question No. 80**

**Senator Ryan asked the following question at the hearing on 22 February 2011:**

The NDRRA Community Recovery Package Guidelines 2007 state that the recovery grants for a small business should only be made once for each business entity represented by an ABN. However exceptions can be made for bona-fide businesses that are significantly adversely affected and can demonstrate that they are sufficiently autonomous and viable.

1. How many businesses (that have only one ABN) have been issued with multiple disaster recovery grants?
2. How many small businesses operating under a single ABN have been refused multiple grants following an application?

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

Further to the earlier answer provided to this question, Emergency Management Australia has now obtained the relevant information from the state and territory agencies responsible for issuing recovery grants to small businesses under the NDRRA. Based on the information provided by each State for the period from 1 July 2010 to 31 May 2011, nationwide:

1. 102 businesses with one ABN have been issued with multiple disaster recovery grants, and
2. Seven small businesses with one ABN have been refused multiple grants following an application.

State/Territory	Between 1 July 2010 and 31 May 2011, how many businesses (that have only one ABN) have been issued with multiple disaster recovery grants?	Between 1 July 2010 and 31 May 2011, how many small businesses operating under a single ABN have been refused multiple Category C grants following an application?
Queensland <sup>1</sup>	27	5
Victoria	63	2
New South Wales	3	0
Tasmania	0	0
Western Australia	9	0
South Australia	0	0
Northern Territory	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>7</b>

1. Due to system limitations, the Queensland results are indicative only.
2. For reporting purposes, single grants may include both tier one and two financial payments.

3. A business may only receive one grant (comprising of tier one and/or tier two components) per eligible disaster. Category C may have been offered for more than one disaster between the periods 1 July 2010 to 31 May 2011. Therefore, this may have provided eligible businesses access to more than one grant.