

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

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Question No. 52

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 20 February 2012:

Crisis Coordination Centre

1. What was the maximum number of operational staff in the centre from 1 January 2012 to the current date?
2. What was the capital cost for the centre's establishment?
3. What are the ongoing costs per financial year excluding staffing?
4. Will the CCC be affected by the increased efficiency dividend? If so, what areas or programs will be affected? Will CCC staffing budgets be reduced as a consequence of the increase?
5. Of the two DLOs deployed to QLD, what has been their period of deployment for this year?
6. At whose advice or direction is the CCC upgraded from a Steady State period to a Crisis State?
7. From the period of the CCC's launch in September 2010 until the current date, how many incident reports have been released?
8. Of these, how many incident reports have been released with information pertaining to the 2012 floods in QLD and NSW?

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

1. The maximum number of operational staff between 1 January and 29 February was 20. (5 rostered shift + 5 day shift + 10 Planning and Support)
2. The capital cost for establishing the CCC was \$22.608 million.
3. Ongoing operating costs of the CCC, excluding staffing are \$648 000.
4. The increased efficiency dividend will not affect the front line services the Department provides to the community.
5. Two (2) Liaison Officers were deployed to Queensland from 4-9 February and one (1) to NSW from 16-18 February.
6. The Assistant Secretary Crisis Coordination Branch or the rostered Incident Coordinator (outside normal working hours).

7. Between 19 September 2010 and 29 February 2012 the Crisis Coordination Centre has issued:
 - Incident Notifications - 1436
 - Incident Briefs – 267
 - Total = 1703

8. In relation to the 2012 Queensland and New South Wales floods the Crisis Coordination Centre has issued:
 - Incident Notifications - 5
 - Incident Briefs – 36
 - Total = 41