

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

Group 3

Program 1.7

Question No. 49

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:

Please list, broken down by event, Australian Government reference number and financial year, the current estimate for the Federal Government's contribution to each declared natural disaster event since 2011.

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

The Commonwealth's contribution to state/territory expenditure under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) is based on total financial year expenditure; it does not provide for financial reporting by disaster event. Some event-level reporting is captured by exception. Attachment A provides a list of eligible NDRRA events since 2010-11.

The below table reports the Commonwealth's actual and projected payments, which includes advance payments to Victoria and Queensland, as well as costs associated with events that occurred prior to 2010-11. The timings of the Commonwealth's payments do not coincide with the year in which the State or Territory incurred its costs; rather, it relates to the year in which the Commonwealth paid or expects to pay state and territory claims.

| State | Actual Commonwealth payments | | | Estimated Commonwealth payments | | | Total \$million |
|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | 2010-11 \$million | 2011-12 \$million | 2012-13 \$million | 2013-14 \$million | 2014-15 \$million | 2015-16 \$million | |
| NSW | - | - | - | 482 | 92 | - | 575 |
| Vic | 500 | - | - | 71 | 13 | - | 584 |
| Qld | 2,256 | 2,951 | 1 | 1,710 | 2,653 | 947 | 10,518 |
| WA | - | 2 | 53 | 53 | 4 | - | 112 |
| SA | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | 3 |
| Tas | - | - | 7 | 7 | - | - | 14 |
| NT | 2 | 8 | 16 | - | - | - | 26 |
| ACT | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 2,758 | 2,961 | 77 | 2,326 | 2,762 | 947 | 11,832 |

Data as at 30 June 2013 for Final Budget Outcome 2013-14

List of eligible NDRRA events since 2010-11

2013-14

| AGRN | State /Territory | Eligible NDRRA events |
|------|------------------|--|
| 578 | SA | SA - Kingston Tornado - 4 Aug 2013 |
| 579 | WA | WA - Storm and Flooding - 15 July 2013 |
| 581 | Vic | Victorian Storms and Floods - August 2013 |
| 582 | SA | SA - Kangaroo Island Floods - June 2013 |
| 583 | WA | Storm - Southwest Land Division - 22-24 September 2013 |
| 584 | Vic | Storms - 26 Sept - 3 October 2013 |
| 585 | WA | South West Bushfires - 12 February 2013 |
| 586 | NSW | North Coast Bushfires - From 9 October 2013 |
| 587 | NSW | Eastern NSW Bushfires - From 13 October 2013 |
| 588 | NSW | Eastern NSW Bushfires - From 16 October 2013 |
| 589 | Tas | Northern Flooding - August 2013 |

2012-13

| AGRN | State /Territory | Eligible NDRRA events |
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| 501 | Vic | Victoria Yarra Ranges Flood 2 July 2012 |
| 503 | Vic | Severe Storm - 5-8 Sept 2012 |
| 504 | NSW | Bushfire 20 October 2012 |
| 505 | NSW | Bushfire October 2012 |
| 507 | NSW | Bushfire October-November 2012 |
| 514 | NSW | NSW - Storms - 17 November 2012 |
| 518 | SA | SA - Bushfire (Tulka) - 11 November 2012 |
| 519 | SA | SA - Bushfire (Coomunga) - 20 November 2012 |
| 521 | NSW | NSW - Bushfire (Clarence Valley) - 18-30 August 2012 |
| 523 | NSW | NSW - Bushfire (Kempsey) - 21-26 August 2012 |
| 524 | NSW | NSW - Bushfire - 6-17 September 2012 |
| 525 | NSW | NSW - Bushfire - 8-29 October 2012 |
| 528 | NSW | NSW - Bushfire - 7-13 October 2012 |
| 529 | NSW | NSW - Bushfire (Hastings) - 4-13 October 2012 |
| 530 | NSW | NSW - Bushfire (Singleton) - 5-12 October 2012 |
| 531 | NSW | NSW - Bushfire (Kiama) - 5-7 September 2012 |
| 532 | WA | WA - Severe Thunderstorms and Associated Flooding - 11-13 December 2012 |
| 533 | Qld | Qld - Bushfire (South West Queensland) - December 2012 |
| 534 | Qld | QLD - Bushfire (Far Northern Queensland) - November-December 2012 |
| 537 | TAS | TAS - Bushfires - January 2013 |
| 538 | NSW | NSW - State wide Bushfires - From 4 January 2013 |
| 539 | Vic | Vic - South West Victorian Bushfire - January 2013 |

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| 540 | Vic | Vic - Gippsland Bushfires - January 2013 |
| 541 | SA | SA - Bushfire (Bundaleer) - 16 January 2013 |
| 542 | Qld | Qld - Tropical Cyclone Oswald and Associated Rainfall and Flooding - 21-22 January 13 |
| 544 | WA | WA - Thunderstorm (Wheatbelt) - 15 January 2013 |
| 545 | NSW | NSW - North Coast Severe Weather and Floods - January 2013 |
| 546 | WA | WA - Thunderstorms - 15 January 2013 |
| 548 | TAS | TAS - Bushfire - Molesworth 6 Feb 2013 |
| 549 | NSW | NSW - East Coast Severe Weather and Floods - From 19 January 2013 |
| 550 | Vic | Vic - Bushfires - February 2013 |
| 551 | Vic | Vic - Hippo Track Bushfire - October 2012 |
| 552 | Vic | Vic - Casterton Bushfire - November 2012 |
| 553 | WA | WA - Tropical Cyclone Rusty and Associated Flooding - 27 February 2013 |
| 554 | Qld | Qld - Central and Southern Queensland Low - 25 February-3 March 2013 |
| 555 | Vic | Vic - Storms and tornadoes - 21 March 2013 |
| 556 | NSW | NSW Severe Storm - (South Western NSW) - 21 March 2013 |
| 557 | Vic | Bushfires - March 2013 |
| 558 | WA | WA Tropical Cyclone Peta and Associated Flooding (23 January 2013) |
| 559 | NT | Monsoonal Trough February-March 2013 |
| 560 | NSW | NSW - Bushfire (Clarence Valley) - 20 October - 6 November 2012 |
| 561 | NSW | NSW Bushfire - Singleton - 20-26 October 2012 |
| 562 | SA | SA - Cherryville Fire - 9 May 2013 |
| 563 | NSW | Bush Fire 17-21 December 2012 |
| 564 | NSW | Bush Fire 6-10 December 2012 |
| 565 | NSW | Bush Fire 5-10 December 2012 |
| 566 | NSW | Bush Fire 16-23 December 2012 |
| 567 | NSW | Bush Fire 19-28 December 2012 |
| 568 | Qld | Flooding Longreach - 18 February 2013 |
| 570 | NSW | Storms, Floods, Landslides (Mid North Coast) - 23-25 May 2013 |
| 571 | NSW | Bushfire 9-15 December 2012 |
| 572 | NSW | Bushfire 13-18 December 2012 |
| 573 | NSW | Bushfire 4-9 December 2012 |
| 574 | NSW | Bushfire 5-7 September 2012 |
| 575 | Vic | Floods June 2013 |
| 576 | NSW | NSW Severe Weather - June 2013 |
| 577 | ACT | January 2013 Storms |
| 580 | WA | Tropical Low and Associated Flooding – 24 June 2013 |

2011-12

| AGRN | State /Territory | Eligible NDRRA events |
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| 452 | NSW | Wind Storm - July 2011 |
| 456 | Vic | Flood - August 2011 |
| 457 | Vic | Gippsland Flood - July 2011 |
| 458 | Qld | QLD Bushfires August - November 2011 |
| 459 | NT | Central Australian Bushfires - August 2011 |
| 460 | SA | Riverland Storm - 9 November 2011 |
| 461 | Vic | Severe Storm - 9-10 November 2011 |
| 462 | WA | Bushfire shire of Augusta - Margaret River November 2011 |
| 463 | NSW | Northern NSW Floods November 2011 |
| 464 | WA | Severe Thunderstorm & Associated Flooding - 3 November 2011 |
| 465 | WA | Severe Thunderstorm & Associated Flooding - 6 & 12 November 2011 |
| 466 | QLD | Southern Queensland Flooding November - December 2011 |
| 467 | VIC | Victorian storms and flash flooding - 18 December 2011 |
| 468 | Vic | Victorian severe weather Melbourne 25 December 2011 |
| 469 | NT | Tropical Cyclone Grant 25 December 2011 |
| 470 | WA | Severe Thunderstorms and Associated Flooding - 30 & 31 December 2011 |
| 471 | NSW | Heavy Rainfall and Flooding - January 2012 |
| 472 | QLD | Western Queensland Tropical Low - 27 January 2012 |
| 473 | WA | TC Heidi and associated flooding - 11 January 2012 |
| 474 | QLD | Tropical Low Far North Queensland - 3 - 4 February 2012 |
| 475 | NSW | Western Sydney Storms - February 2012 |
| 476 | QLD | South East Queensland Heavy Rainfall and Flooding 23 -26 January 2012 |
| 477 | NSW | 2011 September Bushfire - 20-23 September 2011 |
| 479 | NSW | New South Wales Severe Weather and Associated Floods - March 2012 |
| 480 | VIC | Severe Weather - 27-28 February 2012 |
| 482 | QLD | North Coast Storms and Flooding and East Coast Hybrid Low - 24 February - 7 March 2012 |
| 483 | SA | Northern SA Floods - 27 February 2012 |
| 484 | QLD | Heavy Rainfall and Flooding Northern and Far Northern Queensland 15 March 2012 |
| 485 | QLD | Localised Heavy Rainfall, Northern Queensland October 2011 |
| 486 | QLD | Queensland East Coast Low - 22 March 2012 |
| 487 | WA | TC Lua and Associated Flooding - 17 March 2012 |
| 488 | NT | Central Australia Floods March 2012 |
| 489 | NT | Top End Tropical Low March 2012 |
| 490 | ACT | February - March 2012 Storm |
| 494 | VIC | Storms & Flooding - June 2012 |
| 495 | VIC | Storms & Flooding - 25-27 May 2012 |
| 496 | WA | Tornado and storm events - 7-13 June 2012 |

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| 497 | VIC | Flooding - 22-24 June 2012 |
| 500 | WA | Trough and Associated Flooding - 31 May 2012 |

2010-11

| AGRN | State /Territory | Eligible NDRRA events |
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| 411 | SA | Penola Storm - July 2010 |
| 412 | Qld | Diamantina Shire Low & Associated Flooding, 3-5 September 2010 |
| 413 | Vic | Floods - September 2010 |
| 492 | Qld | South East Queensland Flooding 10-12 October 2010 |
| 415 | NSW | South Coast Wind Storm - September 2010 |
| 416 | SA | Severe weather event 7-8 December 2010 |
| 417 | NSW | Flood - Wagga Wagga and Surrounding Areas Floods - October 2010 |
| 418 | WA | Flood - Monsoonal Low and Associated Flooding - 15 December 2010 |
| 419 | Vic | Flood - Floods - November/December 2010 |
| 420 | NT | Alice Springs Floods November 2010 |
| 421 | NSW | November - December 2010 Floods |
| 422 | Qld | November 2010- January 2011 Floods |
| 423 | Vic | January 2011 - Flooding event |
| 424 | NSW | Northern Rivers Floods - October 2010 |
| 425 | NSW | 26 December 2010 - January 2011 Floods |
| 426 | Tas | January 2011 Flooding |
| 427 | WA | Severe Thunderstorm - January 2011 |
| 428 | Qld | TC Yasi - February 2011 |
| 429 | Vic | Severe Storm/Flooding - February 2011 |
| 430 | NSW | Conargo and surrounding areas floods - February 2011 |
| 431 | WA | Bushfire - February 2011 |
| 432 | WA | TC Carlos - February 2011 |
| 433 | WA | Severe Thunderstorms - February 2011 |
| 434 | WA | Tropical Cyclone Carlos and associated flooding - February 2011 |
| 435 | WA | Severe weather and associated flooding associated with TC Dianne - February 2011 |
| 436 | WA | Severe thunderstorms and associated flooding - February 2011 |
| 437 | Qld | Monsoonal Flooding - February 2011 |
| 438 | WA | Flood Carnarvon - February 2011 |
| 439 | NT | Monsoonal Trough - December 2010 |
| 440 | WA | Monsoonal Trough and Associated Flooding - March 2011 |
| 441 | NSW | Moree Plains Floods - September 2010 |
| 442 | NSW | Storms and Floods - February 2011 |
| 443 | Vic | Gippsland Flood - March 2011 |
| 444 | Tas | Northern Tasmania Floods - March 2011 |
| 445 | WA | Severe Thunderstorm - Toodyay - March 2011 |
| 446 | NSW | Storm and Flood - March 2011 |
| 447 | Vic | Flood - March 2011 |

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| 448 | NT | Monsoonal Trough - March 2011 |
| 449 | Tas | April 2011 Flooding |
| 450 | Qld | South West Flooding - April 2011 |
| 451 | NSW | Flood and Storm June 2011 |
| 453 | WA | Severe Storm - 28 June 2011 |
| 491 | ACT | Storm - December 2010 |
| 492 | Qld | South East Queensland Flooding – 10-12 October 2010 |
| 498 | NSW | Flood - December 2010 |
| 506 | Vic | South Gippsland Flood - June 2011 |
| 502 | NSW | January 2011 Storm |