

Question on Notice

No. 158

Asked on 8 March 2011

MR HOBBS asked the Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State (MR LUCAS) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Natural Disaster Relief Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) financial assistance provided to Queensland councils in 2009-10 and 2010-11 to date—

Will the Deputy Premier advise (a) the amount paid to each eligible council under the NDRRA, (b) the date of each payment to councils and (c) any claims made by councils that remain unapproved or were declined pursuant to NDRRA guidelines (reported separately with the provided justification for each)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Warrego for his question.

As you would be aware, the Department of Local Government and Planning (DLGP) administers Natural Disaster Relief Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) payments to local governments that relate to the restoration of essential public assets (see payments attached).

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) is administering disaster relief funding for the November 2010 to February 2011 events, including Queensland Flooding and Tropical Cyclone Tasha and Anthony, and Severe Tropical Cyclone Yasi.

Since taking Ministerial responsibility for the NDRRA Restoration of Essential Public Assets Relief measure for local Government owned assets, more than \$256.8 million has been approved.

My Department advises that it expects a further \$168.7 million related to events prior to November 2010 to be processed. However, this depends upon the authentication of claims by councils and the verification of those claims by bodies such as the Department of Transport and Main Roads. I am advised that my office has received no outstanding claims awaiting my personal Ministerial approval, though I will give prompt attention to such claims as, and when, they pass through the authentication and verification process which is coordinated by my Department.

The NDRRA determination, originally made by the Howard Government in 2007, states that the Commonwealth will not reimburse salaries or wages or other ongoing

administrative expenditure for which a state or Local Government entity would have been liable even though the eligible disaster recovery measure had not been carried out.

In response to the recent devastating natural disasters, the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments jointly announced a \$315 million package to assist Queensland's local councils repair their critical utilities and infrastructure and provide the employment support they need to recover from the floods and Cyclone Yasi.

Initially, an upfront payment of \$50 million will be made available to councils, particularly those in regional and remote areas, to help councils employ people to perform important clean-up and repair work.

(a) the amount paid to each eligible council under the NDRRA

Council Name	2009/10 Paid	2010/11 YTD (to 7/4/2011) Paid
Aurukun Shire Council	\$2,207,145	
Balonne Shire Council	\$1,213,103	\$9,110,128
Banana Shire Council		\$1,258,202
Barcaldine Regional Council	\$4,871,757	\$6,841,856
Barcoo Shire Council	\$6,685,110	\$6,098,305
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	\$1,272,943	
Boulia Shire Council	\$10,217,702	\$2,740,232
Brisbane City Council	\$1,186,229	\$3,605,581
Bulloo Shire Council	\$505,353	\$4,236,110
Bundaberg Regional Council		\$1,404,072
Burdekin Shire Council	\$3,031,388	\$4,505,992
Burke Shire Council	\$263,098	\$11,896,973
Cairns Regional Council	\$7,114,371	\$7,329,946
Carpentaria Shire Council	\$9,709,603	\$9,014,651
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	\$6,563,451	\$1,384,745
Central Highlands Regional Council	\$4,851,897	\$4,640,327
Charters Towers Regional Council	\$1,748,082	\$7,354,817
Cloncurry Shire Council	\$3,134,715	\$4,169,078
Cook Shire Council	\$32,744,756	\$31,370,268
Croydon Shire Council	\$7,085,852	\$2,696,334
Diamantina Shire Council	\$4,425,157	\$3,014,638
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	\$607,639	\$517,969
Etheridge Shire Council	\$8,525,617	\$1,333,969
Flinders Shire Council	\$1,355,311	\$1,907,489
Fraser Coast Regional Council	\$307,069	
Gladstone Regional Council	\$418,978	\$441,588
Gold Coast City Council	\$1,602,698	
Goondiwindi Regional Council		\$292,532
Gympie Regional Council		\$1,517,274
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	\$19,552,921	\$758,274
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	\$1,844,874	\$1,122,261
Ipswich City Council		\$3,156,778
Isaac Regional Council	\$5,132,963	
Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	\$3,476,981	
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	\$9,172,389	
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	\$1,247,092	\$1,090,840
Longreach Regional Council	\$2,246,157	\$926,605
Mackay Regional Council	\$25,436,457	\$24,567,979
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	\$667,916	
Maranoa Regional Council	\$1,142,915	\$13,042,668
McKinlay Shire Council	\$6,491,891	\$4,892,919
Moreton Bay Regional Council		\$187,095
Mornington Shire Council	\$682,907	
Mount Isa City Council	\$3,115,850	\$1,079,717
Murweh Shire Council	\$1,517,726	\$4,550,440

Council Name	2009/10 Paid	2010/11 YTD (to 7/4/2011) Paid
North Burnett Regional Council		\$130,532
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	\$1,878,261	
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	\$1,616,165	
Paroo Shire Council	\$369,060	\$10,369,937
Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	\$7,044,639	
Quilpie Shire Council	\$1,313,277	\$3,080,541
Richmond Shire Council	\$747,375	\$1,168,783
Rockhampton Regional Council	\$2,235,915	\$2,697,708
Scenic Rim Regional Council	\$288,199	
Somerset Regional Council	\$1,329,246	\$456,279
South Burnett Regional Council		\$578,262
Southern Downs Regional Council	\$4,377,182	
Sunshine Coast Regional Council		
Tablelands Regional Council	\$6,878,595	\$9,951,757
Toowoomba Regional Council	\$118,232	\$839,184
Torres Shire Council		\$186,059
Torres Strait Island Regional Council	\$227,986	\$3,202,881
Townsville City Council	\$2,415,253	\$7,727,806
Western Downs Regional Council	\$828,650	\$1,041,558
Whitsunday Regional Council	\$19,423,703	\$8,908,089
Winton Shire Council	\$4,019,336	\$2,670,081
Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council		
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Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	\$2,129,594	
Grand Total	\$260,869,959	\$237,068,106