

QUESTION ON NOTICE
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MR HOPPER asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Rural and Regional Queensland (MR MULHERIN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the December 2010/January 2011 flooding events throughout Queensland—

Will the Minister advise to date (reported separately) the total number of (a) applications and (b) subsequent applications received by QRAA for (i) Special Disaster Flood Assistance for Primary Producers, (ii) Special Disaster Flood Assistance for Small Business and (iii) Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Assistance for Primary Producers?

ANSWER: [Minister for Agriculture, Food and Regional Economies (MR MULHERIN)]

In regard to the November 2010 – January 2011 flooding event, QRAA has received an unprecedented rate of grant applications since the announcement of assistance in January 2011.

For the Special Disaster Flood Assistance (November 2010 – January 2011) Scheme, applicants do not complete a separate subsequent application for the second tier of grant assistance (ie. above \$5,000). Instead they complete a second part of the application form. Also applicants may apply multiple times for assistance and may submit more than two applications. This can occur when an applicant is applying for assistance in stages as they pay for clean up and recovery activities.

With reference to the November 2010 – January 2011 flooding event and as at 9 March 2011:

(1) QRAA has received a total of 6567 loan and grant applications comprising:

- (i) 3113 Special Disaster Flood Assistance grant applications from Primary Producers;
- (ii) 3362 Special Disaster Flood Assistance grant applications from Small Businesses;
- (iii) 26 Special Disaster Flood Assistance grant applications from non profit organisations;
- (iv) 34 Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Assistance loan applications from Primary Producers;
- (v) 32 Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Assistance loan applications from Small Businesses.

(2) QRAA has received more than one grant application from:

- 87 Primary Producer applicants;
- 197 Small Business applicants.

Recovery loan advances and grant payments for this disaster event, as at 10 March 2011, are as follows:

- 2144 primary producers have been paid a total of **\$10.87M**
- 2482 small businesses have been paid a total of **\$12.75M**
- 2 primary producers have been advanced \$0.15M as low interest loans under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Assistance program.