

Question on Notice

No. 305

Asked on 30 April 2013

MR HOBBS asked the Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience (MR CRISAFULLI) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the amounts of NDRRA funding provided to the following councils following successive natural disaster declarations in 2010, 2011 and 2012: (a) Western Downs, (b) Maranoa, (c) Balonne, (d) Paroo, (e) Bulloo and (f) Murweh (reported separately, for the years commencing 2009-10 to date)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Warrego for his question.

The Queensland Government through the Queensland Reconstruction Authority is working directly with councils across Queensland to help communities recover and rebuild from natural disaster events, including the devastating events of earlier this year.

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority currently administers a program of reconstruction works with an estimated value of \$14.5 billion, with more than \$7.2 billion of reconstruction works in progress or already delivered.

For the most part, natural disaster relief and recovery is funded 75 per cent by the Commonwealth Government and 25 per cent by the State Government, under Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), a joint Commonwealth and State program.

The following tables detail the amount of funding provided to councils listed above, by way of Advance or Progress Payments under the NDRRA program administered by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

Amount of NDRRA funding provided to Councils (as at 6 May 2013):

| Local Government Authority | 2010 events | 2011 events | 2012 events | Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Western Downs Regional Council | \$7.3 million | \$43.8 million | - | \$51.1 million |
| Maranoa Regional Council | \$75.2 million | \$6.2 million | \$18.3 million | \$99.7 million |
| Balonne Shire Council | \$41.5 million | \$17.3 million | \$21.6 million | \$80.4 million |
| Paroo Shire Council | \$37.7 million | - | \$2.7 million | \$40.4 million |
| Bulloo Shire Council | \$12.6 million | \$9.8 million | \$4.7 million | \$27.1 million |
| Murweh Shire Council | \$24.8 million | \$5.8 million | \$0.2 million | \$30.8 million |

Additionally, the NDRRA program provides grants and loans to families and businesses under the Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme, Community Recovery and Wellbeing Package and Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers package.

The following amounts of funding were approved for grants and loans for families and businesses within the councils' area under NDRRA:

| Local Government Authority Area | 2010 events | 2011 events | 2012 events | Total |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Western Downs Regional Council | \$541,268 | \$27,571,121 | \$327,097 | \$28,439,486 |
| Maranoa Regional Council | \$2,217,681 | \$7,454,615 | \$9,188,787 | \$18,861,083 |
| Balonne Shire Council | \$677,815 | \$2,302,036 | \$1,958,229 | \$4,938,080 |
| Paroo Shire Council | \$761,072 | \$78,570 | \$1,438,948 | \$2,278,590 |
| Bulloo Shire Council | \$28,589 | \$45,000 | \$442 | \$74,031 |
| Murweh Shire Council | \$773,812 | \$677,925 | \$2,477,000 | \$3,928,737 |