

Question on Notice
No. 20
Asked on Tuesday, 12 February 2019

MR M HART ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS; MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to the Household Resilience program—

Will the Minister advise (a) from commencement date to present the number of (i) applications received, (ii) grants issued, and (iii) applications which were successful in achieving stage 1 approval but failed to proceed any further and (b) the time taken from application until completion of the grant process (e.g. payment to contractors was finalised)?

ANSWER

Since the launch of the Household Resilience Program to 11 March 2019, 1846 applications have been received. Of these, 870 grants have been awarded to the value of \$9.6 million.

To date, there have been 25 applications that were successful in achieving stage 1 approval but failed to proceed through to stage 2. Some of the reasons that applications have not proceeded to stage 2 include the property being sold; works requested by the applicant were not within the program scope; and/or the product requested did not comply with Australian Standards.

The average time taken from the initial submission of the application until payment of the grant co-contribution to the contractor, is 14 weeks. The payment of grant funds to the contractor occurs within 15 calendar days of the Program receiving the invoice for works completed and compliance documentation.