

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No: SQ15-000014**

**Topic: Emergency Relief**

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**Senator Siewert, asked:**

I understand that you want to allocate your resources where the people needing emergency relief are. Do you have that in either a table or a map?

**Answer:**

In the recent Emergency Relief funding round, conducted by the Department of Social Services, funding was allocated to specified locations according to levels of need and disadvantage, derived from cumulative scores of Socio-Economic Indexes of Area (SEIFA) disadvantage and populations at the Statistical Area 2 (SA2) level, and then aggregated up to the Statistical Area 4 (SA4) level.

As part of the Application Pack for the recent Emergency Relief funding round a table of funding allocations for each SA4, and a table of SA2 regions with their SEIFA ranking equivalent (i.e. ranking from most disadvantaged to least disadvantaged), were made available on the DSS website. These documents are available at:

[https://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/emergency\\_relief\\_application\\_pack\\_files.zip](https://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/emergency_relief_application_pack_files.zip)