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Topic: Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction

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Senator Fifield asked:

Can you provide further clarification as to what the role of Minister Macklin and FaHCSIA is with regards to disaster recovery and the Victorian Bushfires?

Answer:

Minister Macklin will retain responsibility for overseeing the Commonwealth Government's role in the 2009 Victorian bushfire recovery effort, to ensure continuity and ongoing support to the Victorian Government and the impacted communities through the longer term reconstruction period.

Minister Macklin and FaHCSIA maintain responsibility for the National Partnership Agreement on the Victorian Reconstruction and Recovery Plan with the Victorian State Government.

FaHCSIA will continue to contribute to a whole of Commonwealth recovery response wherever our mainstream programs can assist those impacted by a disaster. It will do this through its memberships on the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Committee.