

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16**

Finance Portfolio  
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**Topic:** Breakdown of natural disaster recovery payments

**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

**Senator LUDWIG:** I noticed something under the Attorney-General's portfolio that I missed. On page 60 of Budget Paper No. 2, it says that the government will provide \$41.4 million in 2014-15 and \$11.9 million in 2015-16 to individuals affected by disasters. It then uses the phrase 'and ex gratia payments to New Zealand citizens for bushfires and cyclones in South Australia, Queensland, the Northern Territory, Western Australia and New South Wales'. Can I get a breakdown of the disaster recovery payments that were made?

**Senator Cormann:** We might have to take that on notice. Technically, it is a matter for the Attorney-General's portfolio, but, because in this committee we are so helpful we will take it.

**Answer:**

The Department of Finance does not hold the relevant information.

This question should be referred to the Attorney-General's Portfolio.