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Topic: Emergency Relief

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Senator Fifield asked:

Is the Department aware of any Emergency Relief service providers that will have to reduce the amount of emergency relief assistance that they provide to people over the forward estimates, when compared to the past three financial years?

Answer:

The Department is unable to speculate on this. The Australian Government is one of a number of funding sources for Emergency Relief, with other contributions coming from a range of sources including state and local governments, utility and telecommunication companies, donations and the organisation's own fundraising activities. Organisations develop their own policies for assessing need and the level of assistance provided.