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Senator PAYNE asked:

Senator PAYNE—I want to ask some questions in relation to the First Home Owner Grant and the first home owner boost. Can the department advise the committee how many applications for the grant have been made since the announcement of the doubling and tripling of the grant in October last year?

Mr Ray—I think the data have been published by the Minister for Housing. The number is 29,489 up until the end of January.

Senator PAYNE—Can you give us a breakdown, not immediately but on notice, of the number of applications that had been made on a monthly basis in the preceding 12 months?

Mr Ray—I will take that on notice.

Senator PAYNE—Thank you very much.

Answer:

This level of information is not publicly available. The Minister for Housing issued a Media Release on 1 April 2009 providing information on the number of First Home Owners Boost grants paid broken down by State and Territory.