

# Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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#### Question: BET 298

**Topic:** Product recalls

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Eggleston asked:**

How many products are annually recalled, on average, each year over the last ten years? By product, brand, year, etc?

**Answer:**

The following tables list the overall number of product recalls for each calendar year from 2000 to 2010 (as at 12 July 2010), broken down by regulator.

Consumer recalls are classified by the regulators as public or private. Recalls are generally classified as private by a regulator if publication of the details of the recall would undermine public confidence in the system (for example, recalls of blood products) or where the products are fully traceable to consumers and there is therefore no requirement to advise the public more broadly of the recall. Consumers cannot access information about private recalls through the Product Safety Recalls Australia website.

<b>Public recalls</b>						
	<b>Consumer</b>	<b>TGA</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>APVMA</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2000</b>	67	13	94	24	1	<b>199</b>
<b>2001</b>	137	17	105	45	3	<b>307</b>
<b>2002</b>	199	91	97	47	2	<b>436</b>
<b>2003</b>	157	69	99	69	6	<b>400</b>
<b>2004</b>	144	10	156	57	0	<b>367</b>
<b>2005</b>	151	2	154	59	1	<b>367</b>
<b>2006</b>	184	7	145	52	0	<b>388</b>
<b>2007</b>	189	20	161	49	0	<b>419</b>
<b>2008</b>	144	24	159	43	1	<b>371</b>
<b>2009</b>	192	9	134	47	0	<b>382</b>
<b>2010 (as at 12 July 2010)</b>	83	4	61	13	0	<b>161</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1647</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>1365</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3797</b>

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<b>Private recalls</b>						
	<b>Consumer</b>	<b>TGA</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>APVMA</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2000</b>	23	154	0	14	0	<b>191</b>
<b>2001</b>	26	185	0	16	1	<b>228</b>
<b>2002</b>	20	305	0	12	0	<b>337</b>
<b>2003</b>	12	367	0	31	0	<b>410</b>
<b>2004</b>	9	370	0	11	0	<b>390</b>
<b>2005</b>	29	377	1	4	0	<b>411</b>
<b>2006</b>	19	291	2	14	0	<b>326</b>
<b>2007</b>	62	284	2	8	0	<b>356</b>
<b>2008</b>	39	371	2	8	0	<b>420</b>
<b>2009</b>	32	353	3	9	0	<b>397</b>
<b>2010 (as at 12 July 2010)</b>	26	263	0	7	0	<b>296</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>3320</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3762</b>

The following chart illustrates the overall number of recalls by consumer product category for each calendar year from 2000 to 2010 (as at 12 July 2010).

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