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Senator COLBECK: I just want to go quickly on to the CRCs. Can you tell me how many applications have been received for the 14th selection round of the CRC Program?

Ms Baly: Twenty-six.

Senator COLBECK: Just going back a little further, over the last four years, how many bids were received and how many were approved?

Ms Baly: My memory goes back as far as last year. There were 30 applications last year and there were four approved. If you could just bear with me for one moment, I will see if we can go back to the previous two years. The current round is the 14th round. Last year was the 13th round. In the 12th round, which was in 2009, there were seven CRCs approved. We do not have the numbers of the applications for that, sorry; we just have the amount of money that was committed. I think we will have to take that on notice. My apologies.

ANSWER

Four CRC selection rounds (including the recently concluded 14th selection round) have been conducted over the period 2007 to 2011. The number of applications received and funded are as follows:

	CRC Selection Round 11	CRC Selection Round 12	CRC Selection Round 13	CRC Selection Round 14
Year round opened	2008	2009	2010	2011
Applications received	24	18	30	26
Applications approved for funding	10	7	4	6