

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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1. How much has been spent under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure program?
2. What does that work out as on an annual basis?
3. How much is the Regional Development Australia Fund spending on an annual basis on regional infrastructure projects?

Answer:

1. The original RLCIP was funded at \$300 million in 2008-09. The funding was subsequently complemented with an additional: \$500 million for 2008-09 and 2009-10; \$220 million for 2009-10 and 2010-11; and \$100 million for 2010-11 to meet the Government's global financial crisis response.

As at 30 June 2011, \$1,031.8 billion has been spent under the RLCIP.

2. By financial year, the Department has expended under the RLCIP the following amounts:

2008-09: \$479.9m

2009-10: \$331.9m

2010-11: \$220.0m

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3. The Regional Development Australia Fund's funding profile is set out on page 28 of the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government's 2011-12 Portfolio Budget Statement and on page 76 of Budget Paper Number 3.

The Regional Development Australia Fund Round One applications closed in May 2011 and funding decisions are yet to be taken.