

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government**

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**Question: 6**

**Topic: RDAF Round One - Individual Consultations**

**Asked By: Senator MOORE**

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**Senator MOORE:** Of the 253 that you are working through in individual consultation, if there are any that could be confused with a lost document claim, could we get that information at the next estimates on notice?

**Ms Fleming:** Yes, I will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

As at 4 November 2011, 292 requests for feedback had been received, including from three Regional Development Australia committees. 281 have been completed.

During feedback, the Department and the applicant discussed the outcome of the assessment, including mandatory documents which were not provided. Where an applicant claims to have submitted all mandatory documents, the Department has re-checked its records.

From the Department's perspective, there have been no instances where a mandatory document has been identified as lost.