

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Question No. 80

Senator Ryan asked the following question at the hearing on 22 February 2011:

The NDRRA Community Recovery Package Guidelines 2007 state that the recovery grants for a small business should only be made once for each business entity represented by an ABN. However exceptions can be made for bona-fide businesses that are significantly adversely affected and can demonstrate that they are sufficiently autonomous and viable.

1. How many businesses (that have only one ABN) have been issued with multiple disaster recovery grants?
2. How many small businesses operating under a single ABN have been refused multiple grants following an application?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Emergency Management Australia needs to obtain this information from the state agencies responsible for issuing grants to businesses under the NDRRA. Emergency Management Australia is liaising with the relevant state agencies and will advise Senator Ryan once the information is received.