

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group 3

Program 1.2

Question No. 50

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:

For the bushfires in New South Wales of October 2013, please provide the requests for activations from the New South Wales Government for Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) assistance, including:

- a) The date each request was made;
- b) The means each request was made;
- c) The date each request was responded to by the federal government;
- d) What each response by the Federal Government was;
- e) Any contact by the state government following the response by the federal government.
- f) For multiple requests for the same or similar activations, please treat each request separately

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

The NSW State Government is not required to request the activation of Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) for Category A and Category B assistance. The NSW Government notified the Commonwealth of the activation of NDRRA Category A and Category B assistance for the NSW bushfires on Friday 18 October 2013. Only Category A and Category B assistance has been activated in NSW. Other categories requiring the Prime Minister's approval have not been requested by NSW.