



FOI request FA 19/08/01712

Data regarding the New Zealand ex-gratia Disaster Recovery Allowance and ex-gratia Disaster Recovery Payment Programme (Grant- GO275)

1) How much money has been granted to New Zealand special category visa (subclass 444) holders residing in Australia under this scheme?

Ex-gratia Disaster Recovery Payment has been made available since 2010. Ex-gratia Disaster Recovery Allowance has been made available since October 2013. For ex-gratia Disaster Recovery Payment over \$6.100 million has been paid. For ex-gratia Disaster Recovery Allowance over \$175,000 has been paid.

2) How many New Zealand special category visa (subclass 444) holders residing in Australia have been granted money under this scheme?

For ex-gratia Disaster Recovery Payment, 5,035 claims have been granted.

For ex-gratia Disaster Recovery Allowance, 89 claims have been granted.

3) How many individuals requested financial assistance under this scheme?

For ex-gratia Disaster Recovery Payment, 6,969 claims have been made.

For ex-gratia Disaster Recovery Allowance, 176 claims have been made.

4) How many individuals had their request declined?

For ex-gratia Disaster Recovery Payment, 1934 claims have been rejected.

For ex-gratia Disaster Recovery Allowance, 87 claims have been rejected.

5) For what disasters have New Zealand special category visa (subclass 444) holders residing in Australia requested assistance?

Ex-gratia Disaster Recovery Payment has been made available for the following events:

- Far North Queensland floods (Feb 2019)
- Northern NSW bushfires (Feb 2019)
- TC Debbie (Mar 2017)
- SA Pinery bushfires (Nov 2015)
- WA Waroona bushfires (Jan 2016)
- TC Marcia (Feb 2015)
- TC Lam (Feb 2015)
- NSW East Coast storms and floods (Apr 2015)
- WA bushfires (Jan 2014)
- NSW Bushfires (Oct 2013)
- Queensland floods (Jan 2013)
- Tasmanian bushfires (Jan 2013)
- Wambelong (NSW) bushfires (Jan 2013)
- NSW floods (Jan 2013)
- Queensland floods (Feb 2012)
- Northern NSW floods (2012)
- Victorian floods (2012)
- Southern NSW floods (2012)
- NSW floods/severe weather (2011)
- Victorian floods/severe weather (2011)

- TC Yasi (2011)
- WA bushfires (2011)
- Queensland floods (2010/2011)
- WA floods/severe weather (Dec 2010)

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- TC Marcia (Feb 2015)
- TC Olwyn (Mar 2015)
- TC Ita (Apr 2014)
- NSW East Coast storms and floods (Apr 2015)
- NSW Bushfires (Oct 2013)

Note:

- *The data above has been sourced from the Department of Human Services and the information in this request is correct as at 10 September 2019 and details data up to and including 30 June 2019.*