

**CYCLONE SEROJA — DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS**

*Question without Notice 1022 — Answer*

**HON MATTHEW SWINBOURN (East Metropolitan — Parliamentary Secretary)** [5.04 pm]: On behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services, who is out of the chamber on urgent parliamentary business, I would like to provide an answer to Hon Martin Aldridge's question without notice 1022 asked yesterday, which I seek leave to have incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

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- (1) and (3) The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and our recovery partners have done an outstanding job in supporting the recovery from Tropical Cyclone Seroja. With over \$25.42 million dispersed to date. DFES has coordinated clean up and removal of hazardous materials, debris, and green waste with support of local Shire resources, the Australian Defence Force, Department Water Environment and Regulation and other recovery partners. The Commonwealth is currently undertaking a review of DFRA arrangements and Western Australia eagerly awaits the outcome.
- (2) It is important that the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) is designed to be a safety net for Local and State Governments. Recovery is a shared responsibility for individuals, households, businesses and communities, as well as for Local, State and Federal Governments where access to capital or appropriate strategies of natural disaster mitigation are considered. DFRA provides funds to be available for individuals once works have been completed. The State has extended DRFA funding arrangements as the current from March 2023 until June 2024.

To date funds have been dispersed via the following programs:

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Recovery and Resilience Grants Program	\$519,402.78
Primary Producer Recovery Grant	\$1,827,149.84
Small Business Recovery Grant	\$790,680.62
Cultural and Heritage Asset Clean-up and Repair Grant Program	\$20,000.00
Community Recreational and Heritage Assets Restoration Program	\$131,300.37
Lord Mayors Distress Relief Fund	\$8,094,835
Premiers Grant	\$3,860,000.00
Western Power Relief Grants	\$2,990,000.00
Water Corporation Relief Grants	\$2,750,000.00
DFRA Category A & B	\$4,448,498.07

- (4) No. Under the DFRA arrangements, the Commonwealth reimburses the State for money that has been spent.
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