

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: AASB/AUASB

Question: AET 2129-2136

Topic: Grants

Reference: written - 19 February 2016

Senator: Ludwig, Joe & Wong, Penny

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

2129. What guidelines are in place to administer grants?

2130. How are grants applied for?

2131. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail.

a) Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved.

2132. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?

2133. Who is involved in this selection process?

2134. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail.

a) Has the minister or the minister's office exercised or attempted to exercise any influence over the awarding of any grants? If yes, please detail.

2135. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.

2136. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.

Answer:

AASB and AUASB

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The Accountable Authority Instructions provide guidance to officials on the administration of grants and entering into a grant agreement

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The Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines are used to establish the requirements that apply to Grants. In addition to the requirements, the Accountable Authority would seek guidance from the Treasury to apply or award a Grant and keep the responsible Minister informed under section 19 of the PGPA Act.

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Not that the AASB or AUASB are aware of.

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The AASB and AUASB have not applied or awarded a Grant.