

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 200

Topic: NFP Contracts

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Senator Siewert asked:

Of the total number of funding agreements with NFP entities - how many required the grants to be acquitted with an audited financial statement?

Answer:

This data is not readily available and would require considerable Departmental resources to answer the question.

For most grants, requirements are driven by a risk based approach, and under the Department's Standard Funding Agreement, organisations are asked to account for grant funds by providing either:

- a) a non-audited financial acquittal report certified by the organisation's board of management or an officer authorised to do so; or
- b) an independently audited financial acquittal report.

For once only grants, funds are provided under the Department's Letter of Offer and organisations are not required as a matter of course to provide an acquittal report. FaHCSIA may ask for:

- a) original receipts or other documents which account for the expenditure of the Funding; and/or
- b) a written statement certifying the organisation had used Funding as agreed: and/or
- c) a statutory declaration made in accordance with the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 (Cth) accounting for the expenditure of the Funding.