

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question: AET 1127-1128**

**Topic: Grants**

**Written: Received from Committee – 22 February 2013**

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

1127. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.

- a. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.

1128. Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see [http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr\\_2102012.html](http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html)).

- a. How much was funding reduced for each grant?

**Answer:**

1127. The Australian Bureau of Statistics has paid \$16,000 in scholarship payments for the period 1 July 2012 to 22 February 2013. All payments relate to the Methodology Scholarship for students who want to pursue a career in statistical research. The successful applicant must be studying statistics for the whole year.

The following table provides the details of the recipients.

<b>ABS – Methodology Scholarship Recipient Payments – 1 July 2012 to 22 February 2013</b>				
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Program Title</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Grant Funding Location</b>
Lydia Braunack-Mayer	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	August 2012	SA
Andrew Pfeiffer	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	August 2012	SA

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Robert Cumming	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	August 2012	QLD
Joshua Horsley	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	August 2012	QLD
Daniel Ahfock	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	August 2012	QLD
Kelsey Chalmers	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	August 2012	QLD
Peta Darby	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	August 2012	ACT
Catherine Culvenor	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	August 2012	ACT
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>		

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- a. The ABS has published all its discretionary grants awarded on its website. However in some circumstances, it has not published the required information on its awarded grants by the seventh working day after the funding agreement for the grants took effect.

1128. The ABS did not have any uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012.