## **Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

## **Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 17 October – 18 October 2012

**Question:** SBT 1087-1090

**Topic:** Grants (ASIC)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

### **Senator BUSHBY asked:**

- 1087. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date (26 October 2012)? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.
- 1088. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.
- 1089. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for 2011-12? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.
- 1090. Were all grant agreement details published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.

#### **Answer:**

1087. For the financial year to 26 October 2012, discretionary grants of approximately \$0.712m have been approved by ASIC. These grants were paid from ASIC's Assetless Administration Fund (AA Fund) which is used to finance preliminary investigations and reports by liquidators into the failure of companies with few or no assets. A breakdown by location is shown below:

State/Territory	\$ (net of GST)
SA	15,000
WA	41,000
NSW	483,054
QLD	112,500
VIC	60,000
TOTAL	\$711,554

ASIC publishes details of each grant recipient on its website, which can be accessed via (<a href="http://www.asic.gov.au/aafund">http://www.asic.gov.au/aafund</a>). This website lists details of the AA Fund grant recipient, recipient firm details, location (state) and the amount of the grant, and is updated in accordance with the Government's grant reporting requirements.

Other than those listed above, no other discretionary grants have been approved by ASIC for the financial year to 26 October 2012.

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- 1088. Yes, all grant details have been published on ASIC's website within the required timeframe.
- 1089. For the financial year 2011-12, discretionary grants of approximately \$1.842m have been approved by ASIC. These grants were paid from ASIC's Assetless Administration Fund (AA Fund) which is used to finance preliminary investigations and reports by liquidators into the failure of companies with few or no assets. A breakdown by location is shown below:

SA       37,500         WA       66,200         ACT       23,593         NSW       868,273         QLD       319,091         TAS       15,000         VIC       511,925         TOTAL       \$1,841,582	State/Territory	\$ (net of GST)
ACT 23,593  NSW 868,273  QLD 319,091  TAS 15,000  VIC 511,925	SA	37,500
NSW 868,273 QLD 319,091 TAS 15,000 VIC 511,925	WA	66,200
QLD 319,091 TAS 15,000 VIC 511,925	ACT	23,593
TAS 15,000 VIC 511,925	NSW	868,273
VIC 511,925	QLD	319,091
	TAS	15,000
TOTAL \$1,841,582	VIC	511,925
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1090. Yes, all grant agreement details were published on the AAF of ASIC's website within the required timeframe.