

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. SQ16-000236

Senator McKenzie provided in writing.

Question

Number of Grants approved

Could the Department please provide detailed figures regarding the number and amount of grants it has approved in the past 12 months to co-operatives and mutuals as compared to incorporated businesses?

If none, will the Department consider changing the eligibility criteria to allow co-operatives to apply for funding under government programmes?

Answer

Information on grants processes and guidelines, and details of grants awarded are published on the Departments' website www.employment.gov.au/grants.

The Department does not collect data on the corporate structure or status of its grant recipients. However, it can be seen from the information on grants in the website that grants are awarded to a range of recipients other than incorporated companies.

The Department manages grant programmes in accordance with the whole of government grant policy framework as established by the Commonwealth Grants Rules and guidelines. for programmes managed by the Department which include eligibility criteria.