

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
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Question No: 129

Hearing: Supplementary Budget Estimates

Outcome: Corporate

Programme: Corporate Strategies Division

Topic: Portfolio Wide – Grants

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Question Date: 27 November 2013

Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

- a) Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from 7 September 2013 to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.
- b) Have all grant agreement details been published on its website
- c) Please list all grants that were approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. Please lists which grant applicants had been contacted advising of their success. Please provide the current status of these grants. Have any of these grants been cancelled, paused, discontinued or cut?

Answer:

- a. The Department of the Environment (the department) has published on its website (and on other agency websites) information on individual grant agreements in compliance with the reporting requirements outlined in the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines. The details of all grant agreements (including the grant amount, recipient, purpose and location) can be found at the following links.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/about/grants/index.html>

<http://www.nwc.gov.au/organisation/accountability>

<http://www.mdba.gov.au/about/list-of-grants>

<http://www.bom.gov.au/water/regulations/fundingProgram/index.shtml>

<http://www.dpmc.gov.au/accountability/grants/index.cfm>

- b. Yes, as above.

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Division/Agency	Name of Recipient	Amount	Program / description	What locations have benefited / will benefit from the grant?	Have grant applicants been advised of their success?	Current status of grant
Australian Antarctic Division	University of Wollongong	\$150,000	Australian Antarctic Science Program	NSW	Yes	Approved – not contracted. In final stages of FA negotiation.
Wildlife Heritage and Marine Division	Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment	\$17,000,000	World Heritage Grants – Caring for our Country	Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area - Tas	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	Wet Tropics Management Authority	\$13,400,000	World Heritage Grants	Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service	\$1,592,000	World Heritage Grants	Macquarie Island World Heritage Area - Tas	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	WA Department of Parks and Wildlife	\$661,653	World Heritage Grants	Shark Bay World Heritage Area - WA	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	WA Department of Parks and Wildlife	\$600,000	World Heritage Grants	Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area - WA	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	WA Department of Parks and Wildlife	\$520,000	World Heritage Grants	Purnululu World Heritage Area - WA	Yes	Approved – not contracted

	Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection	\$607,513	World Heritage Grants	Fraser Island World Heritage Area - Qld	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection	\$655,061	World Heritage Grants	AFMS World Heritage Area (Riversleigh) - Qld	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection	\$438,336	World Heritage Grants	Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area - Qld	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	NSW Office of Environment and Heritage	\$869,555	World Heritage Grants	Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area - NSW	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	NSW Office of Environment and Heritage	\$280,270	World Heritage Grants	Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area - NSW	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	Lord Howe Island Board	\$883,500	World Heritage Grants	Lord Howe Island Group World Heritage Area - NSW	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	NSW Office of Environment and Heritage	\$1,639,118	World Heritage Grants	Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Area - NSW	Yes	Approved – not contracted

	SA Dept of Environment, Water and Natural Resources	\$500,000	World Heritage Grants	AFMS (Naracoorte) World Heritage Area - SA	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	Kokoda Track Authority	\$1,262,325	Activities agreed under the Second Joint Understanding between Papua New Guinea and Australia to the end of 2015	Papua New Guinea	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	ICLARM also known as WorldFish	\$235,000	Implementation of Community Based Marine and Coastal Resource Management in Western Province, Solomon Islands.	The program benefits marine management in the Solomon Islands, which contributes to the Australian Government's support for the Coral Triangle Initiative.	Yes	Contracted
	Asian Development Bank	\$250,000	Development of a Financial Resources Strategy for the Coral Triangle Initiative	The program benefits the Australian Government's support for the Coral Triangle Initiative.	Yes	Contracted
Biodiversity Conservation Division	Fitzroy Basin Association Inc	\$195,900	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	QLD	Yes	Contracted
	Greening Australia (QLD)	\$749,000	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	QLD	Yes	Contracted

	Inland Fisheries Service	\$820,000	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	TAS	Yes	Contracted
	Australian Rainforest Foundation	\$705,000	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	QLD	Yes	Contracted
	World Wide Fund for Nature Australia	\$639,981	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	QLD	Yes	Contracted
	Reef Catchments Mackay Whitsunday Inc	\$748,025	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	QLD	Yes	Contracted
	Logan City Council	\$1,595,897	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	QLD	Yes	Contracted
	SEQ Catchments Limited	\$1,966,830	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	QLD	Yes	Contracted
	Wet Tropics Management Authority	\$1,997,870	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	QLD	Yes	Contracted
	Department Of Environment Parks Heritage and the Arts	\$1,996,000	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	TAS	Yes	Approved, waiting for contract to be signed by Tasmanian Minister
	Tasmanian Land Conservancy Inc.	\$1,940,016	Biodiversity Fund Round Two 2013-14	TAS	Yes	Approved – not contracted

	J.B. Houston & Sons Pty. Ltd.	\$1,840,000	Biodiversity Fund Round Two 2013-14	VIC	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	Timberlands Pacific Pty Ltd	\$900,000	Biodiversity Fund Round Two 2013-14	TAS	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	Greening Australia (Tas) Ltd	\$460,220	Biodiversity Fund: Investing in Tasmanian Forests 2013-14	TAS	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	Department of Primary Industries Parks Water and Environment	\$999,455	Biodiversity Fund: Investing in Tasmanian Forests 2013-14	TAS	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	Macquarie Franklin Pty Ltd	\$634,010	Biodiversity Fund: Investing in Tasmanian Forests 2013-14	TAS	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association	\$1,000,000	Biodiversity Fund: Investing in Tasmanian Forests 2013-14	TAS	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	Greening Australia (Tas) Ltd	\$581,250	Biodiversity Fund: Investing in Tasmanian Forests 2013-14	TAS	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	The University of Queensland (Dr Luke Leung)	\$919,770	Biodiversity Fund Northern Australia Targeted Investment 2013-14	QLD	Yes	Approved – not contracted

	Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board	\$980,000	Caring for our Country Target Area Grants 2013-14	SA	Yes	Approved – not contracted due to non-compliance with conditions of approval
	Cape York NRM/Cape York Sustainable Futures	\$2,000,000	Caring for our Country Reef Rescue 2 Water Quality Grants	QLD	Yes	Approved – not contracted
	Department of Natural Resources and Mining, Queensland	\$80,000	Caring for our Country Reef Rescue 2 R&D extensions	QLD	Yes	Contracted
	CSIRO	\$40,000	Caring for our Country Reef Rescue 2 R&D extensions	QLD	Yes	Approved - contract in negotiation
	CSIRO	\$98,000	Caring for our Country Reef Rescue 2 R&D extensions	QLD	Yes	Approved - contract in negotiation
	Terrain NRM	\$80,000	Caring for our Country Reef Rescue 2 R&D extensions	QLD	Yes	Contracted
Water Group	Fruit Growers Victoria Limited	In-principle approval for \$5,505,000	On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program Round Three	Victoria	In-principle approval announced by the then Minister on 10 December 2012	Contracted

	Ricegrowers' Association of Australia Ltd	In-principle approval for \$29,618,253	On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program Round Three	NSW	In-principle approval announced by the then Minister on 10 December 2012	Contracted
	South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board	In-principle approval for \$36,541,238	On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program Round Three	South Australia, Victoria and NSW	In-principle approval announced by the then Minister on 10 December 2012	Contracted

	University of Melbourne	\$132,000 from 2013-14 to 2015-16 from the Environmental Water Holdings Special Account	<p><i>Optimising Seasonal Decisions for Environmental Water Use.</i></p> <p>The grant is towards an Australian Research Council Linkage project managed by the University Melbourne and drawing from contributions from a number of partner investigators (including Commonwealth Environmental Water Office). The project will develop a decision-support tool that will support the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder in achieving the best balance of use, carryover and trade of the multi-billion water portfolio and to meet the obligations of the <i>Water Act 2007</i> and Basin Plan.</p>	Murray-Darling Basin; Victorian catchments outside the Murray-Darling Basin	Yes	Approved – not contracted
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Have any of these grants been cancelled, paused, discontinued or cut?

As at the time of reporting, no decision has been taken by the Australian Government to cancel, pause, discontinue or cut any of these grants.