

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
 Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 161

**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates

**Outcome:** Corporate

**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division

**Topic:** Portfolio Wide - Discretionary Grants Programs (Part 1)

**Hansard Page:** N/A

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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Provide a list of discretionary grants programs managed by this portfolio. In each case how are they administered – who is the decision maker. In relation to each of these programs is there an industry advisory body – or some other form of advisory body – that is involved in the assessment process for grant applications. Were these bodies in place before the election – have there been any changes since the election.

**Answer:**

<b>Name of program</b>	<b>How is it administered, eg. who is the decision maker?</b>	<b>Is there an advisory body that is involved with the assessment process for grant applications? [description and name of body]</b>	<b>Was this body in place before the election?</b>	<b>Have there been changes since the election?</b>
Australian Antarctic Science Grants (Part of the Australian Antarctic Program) – Departmental Funding	The Department of the Environment's - Chief Operating Officer or Deputy Secretary.	Yes, the Australian Antarctic Research Assessment Committee.	Yes	No
Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A

Heritage Grants: Your Community Heritage	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
Reef Rescue (sub-program of Caring for Our Country – Natural Heritage Trust)	Minister for the Environment and Minister for Agriculture	No	N/A	N/A
Reef Rescue (sub-program of Biodiversity Fund)	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
Indigenous Protected Areas (sub-program of Caring for Our Country – Natural Heritage Trust)	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
Regional Delivery (sub-program of Caring for Our Country – Natural Heritage Trust)	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
Community Environment Grants (sub-program of Caring for Our Country – Natural Heritage Trust)	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
National Wildlife Corridors (part of Caring for our Country)	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
Environmental Stewardship Program (part of Caring for our Country)	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
Biodiversity Fund	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
Regional Planning for Climate Change	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A

Reef Guardians Schools Annual Awards	The Chairman of the Authority	Yes. The selection panel for Reef Guardians Schools grants is comprised of Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) staff and Reef Guardian School teachers.	No	N/A
Reef Guardian Schools Ripples of Change Grants	The Chairman of the Authority	Yes. The selection panel for Reef Guardians Schools grants is comprised of GBRMPA staff and Reef Guardian School teachers.	No	N/A
Science for Management Awards	The Chairman of the Authority	No	N/A	N/A
Liverpool Plains Regional Water Supply Strategy – Design and Scoping Study	Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
Murray-Darling Basin Environmental Water Knowledge and Research Grant	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
Water Resources Assessment and Research Grant	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
Top up Scholarship	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
National Environmental Research Program	Minister for the Environment	Environmental Research Advisory Panel	No. The panel was established in 2010 for a defined period which expired in 2011.	N/A

Coral Triangle Initiative Support Program	Program framework agreed with the Australian Aid Program (formerly AusAID) and The Minister for the Environment Minister.	No	N/A	N/A
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**Note:** Machinery of Government processes are still being finalised. The following grant programs were previously administered by the Department of the Environment, but are in transition to Prime Minister and Cabinet through Section 32.

Indigenous Heritage Program	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
Working on Country	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
Indigenous Carbon Farming	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A
Working on Country Supplementation from the Biodiversity Fund	Minister for the Environment	No	N/A	N/A