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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: Clean Technology Investment Programs

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QUESTION No.: BI-46

Senator BIRMINGHAM: What is the average cost per tonne of abatement under the programs?

Ms Peterson: For projects that have been approved up to 30 April, for the Clean Technology Investment Program it is \$19.16; for the Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program it is \$13.53; and for both programs it is \$15.55. But I should emphasise that that is the cost just in relation to the grant; it is the fiscal cost rather than the resource cost, if you will.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: And what proportion of funding is the Commonwealth usually contributing on average?

Ms Peterson: The average grant ratio is two to one, so that is \$1 from the Commonwealth and \$2 from the customer.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: I think I got the number that had been considered. Can I get a total number of grants that have been committed to date?

Ms Peterson: As at 31 May the number of grants approved is 335.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: Has the department been asked to undertake any analysis of what electorates those grants are in?

Ms Peterson: We record the address of each of our customers, so we do have that information.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: Have you been asked by the minister's office or simply provided of your own volition breakdown information in relation to what electorates those grants are in?

Ms Peterson: Yes, we have.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: Do you have that information such that you could table it?

Ms Peterson: I do not have it, not that I could table, but I can provide it.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: Do you know how many are in coalition seats versus in Labor seats?

Ms Peterson: No, I do not have that specific breakdown.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: If you could present that information when possible, that would be great.

Ms Peterson: Certainly. Can I also add that, in accordance with the Commonwealth granting guidelines, once we execute an agreement with one of our customers, information is published on the departmental website.

ANSWER

A breakdown of the 335 approved grants as at 31 May 2013, by Labor, Coalition and other seats is attached.