

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Question:

- 1) If an application for a WLDS grant meets all of the application criteria, does it automatically receive funding?
- 2) According to Question on Notice PM204 (2016-17 Additional Estimates):
 - a) In 2015-16 20 applications to the WLDS grants were unsuccessful – how many of these applications met the funding criteria?
 - b) In 2016-17 51 applications to the WLDS grants were unsuccessful – how many of these applications met the funding criteria?

Answer:

- 1) Applications for Women's Leadership and Development Strategy (WLDS) funding which meet all the criteria do not automatically receive funding. All applications that meet the grant eligibility criteria are assessed on their individual merits against the selection criteria. The funding allocation to successful applications is dependent on the merit of each application and the number of applications recommended for funding, with consideration also being given to the total amount of funding available under the WLDS at that time.
- 2a) In 2015-16, seventeen of the unsuccessful applications met the funding criteria. Three of the twenty unsuccessful applications were expressions of interest and did not meet the eligibility criteria to be considered for funding.
- 2b) Of the 51 unsuccessful applications in 2016-17, 30 met the funding criteria.