

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 2/3 June 2014

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Grants

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

1. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in Additional Estimates in February 2014 to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.
2. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to Additional Estimates in February 2014, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.

Answer:

1. and 2.

A list of the contracts for grants executed between 1 March and 31 May 2014 is publicly available on the Department of Health's internet site:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/pfps-grantsreporting>.

The Department publishes this information to fulfil its obligations under the Financial Management and Accountability Act. The site provides all of the information requested other than the locations that will benefit from the grants and the electorate. As over 130 grants fall within the scope of this request and all of the additional information sought is not complete and readily available, the Department considers that to provide this additional detail will involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Grants that were approved prior to 1 March 2014 where a contract had not been executed by 31 May 2014 have been excluded from this response. This exclusion is on the grounds that the release of such information publicly would be detrimental to the Commonwealth's ability to obtain value with public money. Following the execution of the grant agreements, details will be made publicly available on the Department's internet site in accordance with the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines.

