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Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Ludlam asked:

Senator LUDLAM: ... could you just table for us, or take on notice if you prefer, the current applications for funding by state? Then I can just go through the details, rather than tying us up now.

Mr Frischknecht: The applications themselves are commercial-in-confidence, but of course we can tell you the numbers. There is no problem with that at all.

Senator LUDWIG: Okay, and perhaps you could break them out without identifying them by category.

Mr Frischknecht: Yes, we will do that.

Senator LUDWIG: Wonderful. Thank you very much.

Answer:

A breakdown of project applications by state/territory is attached. Based on experience to date and the project selection criteria, it is extremely unlikely that ARENA would fund all projects in the pipeline even if its funding were unlimited. Many projects at the expression of interest stage do not proceed to full applications, and not all full applications receive ARENA Board approval.

For example, the first round of ARENA's Research and Development Program (Solar Excellence) received 110 expressions of interest but only 12 projects have been selected for ARENA support – a success rate of around 11 per cent.

Details about ARENA's existing portfolio including the total number of projects, a break-down of projects on a state and territory basis, the total project cost (including in-kind amounts) and the total amount sought from ARENA is public information and can be found on ARENA's website at www.arena.gov.au

ARENA Project Pipeline

Application by State \$000s	Applications in Progress		
	#	Grant Ask	Project Value
State			
NSW	30	255,520.3	958,709.2
QLD	38	445,794.9	1,741,580.7
VIC	9	141,621.5	578,768.3
SA	5	188,398.2	270,376.0
WA	20	439,404.5	1,362,781.4
NT	12	89,774.3	367,925.5
ACT	1	41.9	55.9
TAS	1	669.4	1,360.4
Multiple	12	131,212.4	296,930.8
Total	128	1,692,437.5	5,578,488.3