

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:**

With regard to the \$1m grant Waverley Council received under the Department of the Environment's Protecting National Historic Sites program for the design phase of the Bondi Pavilion upgrade. Was the Department aware before making this grant that Waverley Council has failed to maintain separate bank accounts for Bondi Beach and Bondi Pavilion as required under the Crown Lands Act – given both Bondi Beach and park are on Crown land and should be managed by a trust - but there is none?

If the Department is not aware why did you not investigate the financial management standards of the Council before you made the \$1m grant?

**Answer:**

The Department conducts a range of due diligence assessments of grant applications, and recognises that local councils are also subject to an existing, state-based governance frameworks and accompanying legislation.