

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio
2015-16 Additional Budget Estimates
11 February 2016

DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Grants

REFERENCE: Written question – Senator Ludwig

QUESTION No.: AI-73

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants?
2. How are grants applied for?
3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail.
 - a) Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved.
4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?
5. Who is involved in this selection process?
6. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail.
 - a) Has the minister or the minister's office exercised or attempted to exercise any influence over the awarding of any grants? If yes, please detail.
7. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded 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.
8. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, 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

- 1-5. The Department has a number of grant programmes. Guidelines on who can apply and the selection process is outlined on the relevant programmes website.
6. The Minister's grant programme responsibilities vary across programmes. The role is set out in the Programme's Guidelines available on the relevant website.
 - a) No.
7. Please refer to the report available at www.industry.gov.au/AboutUs/LegalandLegislativeReporting/grants/Pages/default.aspx for details on grants.
8. To provide this level of detail would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.