

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

**Department/Agency: Treasury**

**Question: SBT 404-411**

**Topic: Grants**

**Reference: Written - 30 October 2014**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

404. What guidelines are in place to administer grants?
405. How are grants applied for?
406. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail.
  - a) Can these restrictions be waived? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waived.
407. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?
408. Who is involved in this selection process?
409. 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.
410. 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.
411. 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:**

404. Treasury follow the '*Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines*' published by the Department of Finance. Treasury also have in place an Accountable Authority Instruction and Operational Guideline on grants.
405. Grants are applied for in accordance with the '*Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines*'.
406. No.
  - a) Not applicable.
407. Treasury follow the procedures in the '*Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines*' when selecting who will be awarded a grant.
408. Treasury officials and appropriate financial delegates are involved in the selection process.
409. The minister may approve grants in accordance with the '*Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines*'.

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- a) No.
410. A list of all grants is available on the Treasury website at <http://www.treasury.gov.au/About-Treasury/OurDepartment/Treasury-Grants>
411. Not applicable. All grants approved prior to the specific period had financial contracts in place.