

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000194

Senator McKenzie, Bridget provided in writing

Grants

Question

Could the Department please provide detailed figures regarding the number and amount of grants it has approved in the past 12 months to co-operatives and mutuals as compared to incorporated businesses?

If none, will the Department consider changing the eligibility criteria to allow co-operatives to apply for funding under government programmes?

Answer

Details of grants awarded are available on the Department of Education and Training website at www.education.gov.au. The department's systems do not track 'entity type' information.

The department manages grant programmes in accordance with the whole of government grant policy framework as established by the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines. Guidelines for programmes managed by the Department are included on the department's website. These guidelines include eligibility criteria. All applications for grants are assessed against these criteria.