

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000923

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

Industry Skills Fund - Grant announcements reporting

Question

Please explain why more than \$6 million worth of grants that have been paid to 32 different projects are not attributed to recipients in your grant announcements reporting, up to 30 June 2016?

Answer

Between July 2015 and January 2016 Industry Skills Fund (ISF) projects were reported in weekly batches as a single line entry comprising total grant amounts. Individual project details were available if requested.

The weekly batch reporting method met with the Public Grants reporting requirements and was implemented in anticipation of high volumes of individual grants. This process was reviewed in February 2016 and from that time the ISF grants have been reported and published individually.