

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: How many grants have you put into the checking process?

Mr Hazlehurst: I believe I would need to take that on notice, but let me just check.

Senator WONG: Okay.

Mr Hazlehurst: Sorry, Senator, we do not have that information with us this evening.

Senator WONG: Okay. Have any not got through the checking process?

Mr Hazlehurst: No.

Senator WONG: Okay. So if you could just take on notice details of that.

Mr Hazlehurst: Sure.

Answer:

The Government assessed all proposed grant spending for consistency with Government priorities and commitments before proceeding with any relevant spending. This includes approval from both the Minister for Indigenous Affairs and the Minister for Finance. Grants that are fully executed are not subject to this process. As at 18 November, the Department had put 93 grants into the checking process for consideration by the Minister for Finance.