

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

**Finance Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** All  
**Outcome/Program:** General  
**Topic:** Grants

**Senator:** Ludwig  
**Question reference number:** F108  
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**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:

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 waived? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waived.
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:**

Department/ Agency	Response
Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The <i>Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines</i> (July 2014) and the Finance Chief Executive Instructions.</li><li>2. Finance did not have any open grant programs in the period .</li><li>3. – 5. N/A.</li></ol>

Department/ Agency	Response
	6. N/A. 7. Grants awarded by Finance are listed at <a href="http://www.finance.gov.au/publications/grants/">http://www.finance.gov.au/publications/grants/</a> . 8. N/A.
Australian Electoral Commission	1. – 8. N/A.
ComSuper	ComSuper does not administer any grant programs on behalf of government.
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	CSC does not award or administer any grants.
Future Fund Management Agency	1. The Future Fund does not administer grants. 2. - 8. N/A