

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 19-23 October 2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Outcome/Program: Outcome 2: Indigenous
Topic: Funding data

Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

Question reference number: 287

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 4 December 2015

Number of pages: 1

Question:

What was the reason that funding data from the department's website not provided in an aggregate or exportable form? Who made this decision? Was the Minister required to approve this?

Answer:

The Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines (CGRGs) establish the Commonwealth grants policy framework which contains the legislative and policy requirements for grants administration and reporting.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) meets the grant reporting requirements detailed in the CGRGs by publishing grant information on its website accordingly.

There is no requirement in the CGRG's for agencies to provide an export or download facility from their websites and therefore there was no need for a Ministerial decision.

The recent implementation of an export capability on PM&C's website was part of a project to improve the usability and accessibility of published grants information. The export capability allows users to download grant data that was already published on the website prior to the implementation of the improvements.