

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

Why was an export capability for funding data only built in to the department's website a day before the Estimates hearing, and more than 10 months after the funding was announced?

**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 met the grant reporting requirements detailed in the CGRGs by publishing Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) grant information accordingly.

There is no requirement in the CGRG's to provide an export or download facility from the website.

The implementation of the export capability was part of a project to improve the usability and accessibility of grants information published on the website. The export capability allows users to download grant data that was already published on the website.