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Senator: Senator Rachel Siewert

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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: I realise we have a lot to get through. I am going to ask on notice for a list of the 5,562 grants that have been made as part of this process and what program they are in—the same things that we have asked for across the IAS grants, such as when the decisions were made. Also, how many applications have been made? That is the number that have been granted. How many applications have been made in that process? Are you able to tell me that now?

Ms Andrew: No, I would need to take that one on notice.

Mr Tongue: The answer is "not very many" because of the demand driven nature of this. But we will take that on notice. If we can break it down by the subprograms—because that is how we run it, with 2.1, 2.2 and so on—we will give you the list of the 5,562, the amount of money for the organisation and what was being achieved. Is that what you want?

Senator SIEWERT: Yes, please. When you say "not very many", do you mean that if I put in for a demand driven project, I am likely to get funded? I find that hard to believe.

Answer:

Providing a determinant number of applications is difficult due to the iterative nature of the application process. One application may include many projects, of which only one or several may be successful. Similarly, an application could be submitted and rejected for the same project a number of times before it is successful.

Please see the table provided in response to PM52. The information provided in the table includes details of all IAS grant funding up to, and including, 13 November 2015 (excluding the 2014 IAS grant funding round).