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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

Senator McLUCAS: The Australian reported that more than half of all grants published in two funding rounds are for amounts less than \$15,000 and for periods of fewer than six months. Minister, you responded by saying more than 80 per cent of funding under the IAS is for two years or more. Can we find out how many grants under the IAS were for \$15,000 or less and for periods of six months or fewer?

Mr James: We can provide that answer.

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Mr James: We can add for your information what is called entity type. We have the Australian business number—we have done a little task to look them up—so we can code it by the entity type that has is getting the grant.

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Senator McLUCAS: Can I get on notice how much funding has been awarded to organisations in all of our states and territories? There were some assertions that maybe some areas got a disproportionate—

Ms Edwards: You mean a state-by-state breakdown? We might have that.

Senator PERIS: Mr Tongue, are we able to get the breakdown of each state and territory government and how much went to the government?

Ms Edwards: Yes, the spreadsheet, as we have indicated, will show if it is a government entity. You will be able to read it from that—noting, of course, as we have just discussed, that it is a broad range and can include councils and so on. The information we have already taken on notice will disclose that.

Senator McLUCAS: Can you aggregate it?

Mr James: Yes.

Answer:

Please see response to Question on Notice reference number 52. The table provided in that response details all grants less than \$15,000 and all grants for a period of 6 months or less.

In addition, the table provided in response to PM52 provides grant information by State and by entity type.