

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/311) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- a. What guidelines are in place to administer grants?
- b. How are grants applied for?
- c. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail.
 - i. Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved.
- d. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?
- e. Who is involved in this selection process?
- f. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail.
 - i. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.

a – e. The Portfolio grant administration, application and selection processes comply with the statutory and mandatory policy requirements as set out in the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) and the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines (CGRG). The CGRGs provide that each grant has specific guidelines setting out the eligibility and assessment criteria.

f. The minister's role in approving grant expenditure is outlined in the PGPA Act All parties involved in grants administration (including ministers, Accountable Authorities, officials and third parties who undertake grants administration on behalf of the Commonwealth) must comply with government policies and legislation relevant to grants administration.

i. No

g. A list of all Portfolio grants including comprehensive details on each agreement is published and publicly available on the following websites -

<http://www.customs.gov.au/site/grants.asp>, and
<http://www.immi.gov.au/about/reports/grants/index.htm>

h. All grants approved prior to June 2014, had financial contracts in place by June 2014.

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