

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015
Infrastructure and Regional Development

Question no.: 01

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: Corporate Services

Topic: Market Research (Western Sydney Unit)

Proof Hansard Page: 5 (24 February 2015)

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

Senator STERLE: Okay. In a written answer, No. 24, to October estimates—I am talking about market research here—is it correct that the department has spent \$228,000 to date on market testing for livery for the Western Sydney airport project?

Senator STERLE: Is that information publicly available—and the break-up?

Mr Mrdak: We can certainly provide for you on notice the details of the contract.

Senator STERLE: Could the committee have the whole break-up: who got what, what it was spent on, how much was livery.

Senator STERLE: Can we just have a breakdown of the \$228,000 on the market research?

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Mr Mrdak: I will just check those numbers for you. It is not for livery. It involves a range of communications and market-testing tasks, including the development of a community engagement strategy for the community. As you are aware, the development of the Western Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek is a very detailed project for which the community is seeking information. The work involves a consultancy which we have let to a firm to provide services which are more than just livery. It is a whole community strategy of information and the like which will be available, including information which will be available through the environmental impact statement process which is now underway. I will just get Mr Wilson to confirm that number.

Mr Wilson: That is correct.

Senator STERLE: So the \$228,000 is total? That is the community engagement and everything, not just livery?

Mr Mrdak: That is a consultant that we have engaged for a period of time to undertake a range of activities around community information, yes.

Senator STERLE: Is that information publicly available—and the break-up?

Mr Mrdak: We can certainly provide for you on notice the details of the contract.

Senator STERLE: : I would appreciate that .Could the committee have the whole break-up: who got what, what it was spent on, how much was livery—

Mr Mrdak: Certainly.

Senator STERLE: exactly what you talked about. Is that a—

Mr Wilson: There was no expenditure on determining livery associated with the project.

Senator STERLE: Great. Can we just have a breakdown of the \$228,000 on the market research...

Answer:

The breakdown of the market research components for the Western Sydney Airport project is as follows:

1. Essence Communications for market research into the Western Sydney Airport, which enables the Department to produce communications materials and a communications campaign on issues for the community. That includes qualitative and quantitative research. \$139,000 including GST.
2. GFK Australia was contracted separately over a 16-month period to provide independent research on surveys and community information. That has commenced. \$89,901 including GST.

There was no expenditure on determining livery associated with the Western Sydney Airport project.

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Question no.: 02

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: Corporate Services

Topic: New Signage

Proof Hansard Pages: 63-64 (24 February 2015)

Senator Cameron, Doug asked:

Senator STERLE: This is my last question. With the new project signage is 'building our future' the phrase?

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Senator CAMERON: How much did it cost to develop this new signage?

Mr Mrdak: There were a range of processes involved. We are not replacing any pre-existing signage, but there was market testing done of the concepts. That was undertaken and I will get that for you, Senator.

Answer:

1. This has been answered on page 63 of Hansard.

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Question no.: 03

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: Corporate Services

Topic: Discretionary Grants Program (Portfolio)

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

Can the following details be provided for each discretionary grant program in the Minister's portfolio:

1. Name of the discretionary grant program;
2. Total funding on a year-by-year basis over the current forward estimates;
3. Committed funding on a year-by-year basis over the current forward estimates;
4. Contracted funding on a year-by-year basis over the current forward estimates;
5. Uncommitted funding on a year-by-year basis over the current forward estimates;
6. When the current round of funding is scheduled to cease; and
7. How many rounds of funding are scheduled after the end of the current round.

Answer:

Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

Please refer to Question 03 Attachment A.

Airservices Australia

Nil.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Nil.

Australian Transport Safety Bureau

Nil.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority

1. Safety Promotion Sponsorship Program, Research Sponsorship Program and Financial Assistance to Self-Administering Organisations.

2. See table below:

	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Safety Promotion Sponsorship Program	0.2	-	-	-
Research Sponsorship Program	-	-	-	-
Financial Assistance to Self-Administering Organisations	0.3	-	-	-

3. N/A.

4. See table below:

	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Safety Promotion Sponsorship Program	-	-	-	-
Research Sponsorship Program	-	-	-	-
Financial Assistance to Self-Administering Organisations	0.6	-	-	-

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5. See table below:

	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Safety Promotion Sponsorship Program	0.1	-	-	-
Research Sponsorship Program	-	-	-	-
Financial Assistance to Self-Administering Organisations	-	-	-	-

6. Safety Promotion Sponsorship Program: 13 February 2015
Research Sponsorship Program: 17 October 2014
Financial Assistance to Self-Administering Organisations: N/A
7. Safety Promotion Sponsorship Program: Eight
Research Sponsorship Program: Dependent on requests (but no more than two rounds each year)
Financial Assistance to Self-Administering Organisations: N/A

Infrastructure Australia

Nil.

National Capital Authority

Nil.

03 - Attachment A			
Community Development Grants (CDG) Programme			
	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	135.0	26.0	0.0
Committed funding	135.0	26.0	0.0
Contracted funding	78.1	25.2	0.0
Uncommitted funding	0.0	0.0	0.0
When the current round of funding is scheduled to cease	This programme is not subject to funding rounds.		
How many rounds of funding are scheduled after the end of the current round	N/A		
Latrobe Valley Economic Diversification			
	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	2.4	0.0	0.0
Committed funding	2.4	0.0	0.0
Contracted funding	2.4	0.0	0.0
Uncommitted funding	0.0	0.0	0.0
When the current round of funding is scheduled to cease	This programme is not subject to funding rounds.		
How many rounds of funding are scheduled after the end of the current round	N/A		
National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) Programme			
	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	200.0	200.0	200.0
Committed funding	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contracted funding	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uncommitted funding	200.0	200.0	200.0
When the current round of funding is scheduled to cease	Applications under Round One are currently under assessment.		
How many rounds of funding are scheduled after the end of the current round	The Australian Government is yet to formally release information on how many funding rounds will be available under NSRF.		
Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF)			
	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	36.1	1.1	0.0
Committed funding	36.1	1.1	0.0
Contracted funding	36.1	1.1	0.0
Uncommitted funding	0.0	0.0	0.0
When the current round of funding is scheduled to cease	The former Government approved projects under RDAF across four Funding Rounds. The programme is closed to any further applications for funding.		

How many rounds of funding are scheduled after the end of the current round	N/A		
Seatbelts on Regional School Buses			
	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	1.0	0.0	0.0
Committed funding	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contracted funding	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uncommitted funding	1.0	0.0	0.0
When the current round of funding is scheduled to cease	30 June 2015		
How many rounds of funding are scheduled after the end of the current round	One round: 2015-16		
Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan (TJGP) Programme			
	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	24.7	12.0	0.0
Committed funding	24.7	11.9	0.0
Contracted funding	17.1	7.1	0.0
Uncommitted funding	0.0	0.1	0.0
When the current round of funding is scheduled to cease	This programme is not subject to funding rounds.		
How many rounds of funding are scheduled after the end of the current round	N/A		

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Question no.: 04

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: Corporate Services

Topic: Discretionary Grants Program (Department)

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:

For each discretionary grant program administered by the Department, can you provide the following information:

1. The name of the discretionary grant program;
2. How much funding is allocated for the program in total;
3. How much funding for the program has been committed;
4. How much funding for the program has been contracted; and
5. How much funding for the program is uncommitted –

For each of the following financial years:

- a. 2013-4;
- b. 2014-5;
- c. 2015-6;
- d. 2016-7;
- e. 2017-8;
- f. 2018-9;
- g. 2019-20 and beyond.

These programs should include grants under the following:

- Community Development Grants
- Community Infrastructure Grants
- National Stronger Regions Fund
- La Trobe Valley Economic Diversification Program

Answer:

Information on grants and the forward estimates as published in the Department's 2014-15 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements, are provided at [Attachment A](#).

Attachment A					
Community Development Grants (CDG) Programme					
	2013-14 (\$m)	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	4.4	148.5	135.0	26.0	0.0
Committed funding	4.4	141.2	135.0	26.0	0.0
Contracted funding	4.4	74.8	78.1	25.2	0.0
Uncommitted funding	0.0	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Community Infrastructure Grants (CIG) Programme					
	2013-14 (\$m)	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	40.2	15.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Committed funding	40.2	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contracted funding	40.2	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uncommitted funding	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Latrobe Valley Economic Diversification					
	2013-14 (\$m)	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	1.0	4.1	2.4	0.0	0.0
Committed funding	1.0	4.1	2.4	0.0	0.0
Contracted funding	1.0	4.1	2.4	0.0	0.0
Uncommitted funding	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) Programme					
	2013-14 (\$m)	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	0.0	0.0	200.0	200.0	200.0
Committed funding	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contracted funding	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uncommitted funding	0.0	0.0	200.0	200.0	200.0
New Entrant Regional Airport Program					
	2013-14 (\$m)	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Committed funding	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contracted funding	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uncommitted funding	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Regional Aviation Access Programme (RAAP) - Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU) component					
	2013-14 (\$m)	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	0.0	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Committed funding	3.1	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contracted funding	3.1	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uncommitted funding	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0

Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF)					
	2013-14 (\$m)	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	109.6	131.5	36.1	1.1	0.0
Committed funding	109.6	125.1	36.1	1.1	0.0
Contracted funding	109.6	125.1	36.1	1.1	0.0
Uncommitted funding	0.000	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Regional Development projects in Northern Australia					
	2013-14 (\$m)	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Committed funding	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contracted funding	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uncommitted funding	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Seatbelts on Regional School Buses					
	2013-14 (\$m)	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Committed funding	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contracted funding	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uncommitted funding	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.0
Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan (TJGP) Programme					
	2013-14 (\$m)	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
Total funding	5.1	47.1	24.7	12.0	0.0
Committed funding	5.1	47.1	24.7	11.9	0.0
Contracted funding	5.1	37.7	17.1	7.1	0.0
Uncommitted funding	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0