

**Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

**Infrastructure and Regional Development**

**Committee Question Number: 83**

**Departmental Question Number: SQ17-000230**

**Program: 3.1 Regional Development**

**Division/Agency: Policy and Research**

**Topic: Regional Jobs and Investment Packages**

**Proof Hansard Page: 108-109 (22 May 2017)**

**Senator Sterle, Glenn asked:**

**Senator STERLE:** Can you tell me what the rationale is for excluding a not-for-profit organisation established less than two years prior to the time of applying? There is a stare-off going on here from one end of the table to the other!

**Ms Zielke:** Sorry, Senator; you have lots of people ready to respond to questions. My apologies.

**Ms Power:** I do not have the detail. I assume you are reading from the guidelines.

**Senator STERLE:** No, I am reading from the briefing. Please—I have no ideas—tell me.

**Ms Zielke:** It is not an eligibility criterion.

**Mr Mrdak:** I do not think we are familiar with that.

**Ms Power:** It appears in a couple of places in the guidelines. The reason for my hesitation is in part that I would like to see the context. Could we take that on notice, Senator?

**Senator STERLE:** All right. You can. I think it also says, or it must, that a higher education provider of technical and further education being a TAFE body is excluded. That is correct?

**Ms Power:** That is right.

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**Senator STERLE:** Why do applicants only get 20 points out of 100 for meeting the industry growth sectors identified in the local investment plans?

**Ms Power:** It is because we need to strike a balance between the plan itself and other merit criteria, so, although it is not an unimportant factor, it is obviously not the only factor taken into consideration.

**Senator STERLE:** What are 'other merit criteria'?

**Ms Power:** The other merit criteria include—I am going to have to take that on notice, Senator. I am concerned that I will give you a slightly inaccurate answer because I do not have it specifically in my notes.

**Answer:**

1. The requirement for not for profit organisations that are legal entities to be established for at least two years prior to the time of applying for funding under RJIP, provides the Commonwealth with the assurance that the applicant is financially viable and will have the capacity to fund and deliver the project.
2. The question was answered by Ms Philippa Power on page 109 of Hansard.

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**Committee Question Number: 84**

**Departmental Question Number: SQ17-000232**

**Program: n/a**

**Division/Agency: Policy and Research**

**Topic: Cycling Participation**

**Proof Hansard Page: 114 (22 May 2017)**

**Senator Rice, Janet asked:**

**Senator RICE:** The implementation report shows a sharp drop in the number of bike imports in the last year, which has been bucking a longstanding trend of increasing numbers of bikes being taken up. It does not correlate that to participation data; it just says that the 2017 survey will perhaps elicit some information there. But don't we know from past participation surveys that the numbers of riders is actually flatlining? Is there any relevance in the fact that the number of bike imports has decreased?

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**Senator RICE:** But the strategy over its five years had an overarching goal of doubling cycling participation, so we have had very small increases. We now know that the number of bikes being imported has decreased, so we have not come anywhere near doubling participation, have we?

**Ms Zielke:** Not that I am aware of, but again I am happy to take those figures on notice.

**Answer:**

The response to this question was subsequently provided and is at Page 115 of Hansard.

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**Committee Question Number: 85**

**Departmental Question Number: SQ17-000233**

**Program: 3.1: Regional Development**

**Division/Agency: Policy and Research**

**Topic: Interactions between Government Decentralisation Policy and APS job cuts.**

**Proof Hansard Page: 120 (22 May 2017)**

**Senator McCarthy, Malarndirri asked:**

**Senator McCARTHY:** Minister, have you done any analysis of the jobs cut by other ministers in regional Australia like the jobs in the tax office and in Centrelink?

**Senator Nash:** I am not aware of those particular ones you are talking about.

**Senator McCARTHY:** Do you want to take that on notice?

**Senator Nash:** Certainly I can do that.

**Answer:**

Questions relating to staffing levels within a particular department or agency should be directed to that department or agency.

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**Committee Question Number: 173**

**Departmental Question Number: SQ17-000351**

**Program: n/a**

**Division/Agency: Infrastructure Investment and Policy & Research**

**Topic: Government Policy Commitments**

**Proof Hansard Page: Written (28 July 2017)**

**Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:**

**Policy commitments**

For each of the Government policy commitments listed below:

- Has funding contracts for these projects been signed between the Commonwealth and the recipients? If yes, can a copy of the agreement please be provided?
- Have recipients received promised federal funding in full?
- Have the projects commenced?
- Have the projects been completed? If no, what is the expected completion date?
- Can an itemised list of additional costs to the commonwealth related to these projects in excess of the dollar figure previously announced by the Government please be provided?

**List of Government policy commitments**

- Barton Highway duplication worth \$50,000,000.
- Old Bega Hospital Renovations worth \$18,462.
- Narooma Swimming pool upgrade worth \$350,000.
- Upgrade of Merimbula Airport worth \$1,200,000.
- Port of Eden redevelopment worth \$10,000,000.
- Upgrade of Cooma town centre worth \$400,000.
- Three Rural Fire Brigade Weather Stations in the Palerang region worth \$20,000.
- Royalla Common kitchen upgrade via the Stronger Communities Program worth \$10,000.
- Treehouse for the Queanbeyan Children's Special Needs Group via the Stronger Communities Program worth \$10,000.
- Intersection upgrades of Lanyon Drive and Tompsitt Drive, upgrading the existing roundabout to a signalled intersection worth \$6,000,000.
- Duplication of Pialligo Avenue worth \$2,000,000.
- Design works for widening the Monaro Highway, connecting Queanbeyan and Tuggeranong to Civic, Gungahlin and Canberra Airport worth \$1,000,000.
- Eden Men's shed upgrade worth \$1,780,000.
- Mulgoa Road Upgrade worth \$100,000,000.
- Ice treatment services worth \$3,000,000.
- 33 CCTV cameras at Hawkesbury shopping centre worth \$254,000.
- 30 CCTV cameras in Leura worth \$120,000.
- Bushfire risk management fire trails worth \$254,301.
- 89.1 Radio Blue Mountains worth \$9,979.
- Lighting for COLO Soccer Club worth \$20,000.
- Road upgrades at Hawkesbury Showground worth \$300,000.
- Bowens Creek Fire Trail worth \$100,000.

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- Community safety funding through Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association via the Safer Streets Program worth \$2,700,000.
- Hell's Gate Dam feasibility study worth \$2,200,000.
- Townsville Freight Rail Corrido worth \$150,000,000.
- Townsville Stadium worth \$100,000,000.
- Funding for fence at C & K Bradman Street Community Long Day Care worth \$19,000.
- Bribie Island Marine Rescue worth \$84,000.
- Volunteers grant - Burpengary Meals on Wheels worth \$5,000.
- Abbey Museum - Stronger Communities Program worth \$18,000.
- North Harbour Heritage Park Projects worth \$1,500,000.
- Caboolture Hospital Carpark upgrade worth \$2,000,000.
- Sports and community hub at the Soldiers Memorial Recreational Ground worth \$4,000,000.
- Semaphore Surf Life Saving Club worth \$285,000.
- Upgrade the Marine Discovery Centre, via improving your Local parks & Environment Programme, worth \$100,000.
- Lockleys Oval Upgrade worth \$3,250,000.
- New tower for West Beach Surf Life Saving Club worth \$150,000.
- West Lakes Sports Club lighting towers worth \$200,000.
- Torrensville Bowling Club upgrade worth \$750,000.
- Planning for Marion Road Upgrade worth \$2,000,000.
- Murchison Highway upgrade worth \$3,500,000.
- Bass Highway - Cooee to Wynyard worth \$500,000.
- Dial Regional Sports Complex worth \$3,500,000.
- Wynyard Vintage Cars worth \$10,000.
- Burnie Tennis Club upgrade worth \$391,000.
- Devonport Golf Club function centre worth \$3,500,000.
- Heritage conservation projects at Woolmers Estate, Port Arthur and the Coal Mines Historic Site worth \$300,000.
- Convert Brighton Bowls Club into community Centre worth \$400,000.
- Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Development worth \$300,000.
- Meander Valley Cycling Strategy worth \$150,000.
- Derwent River Waterfront Revitalisation Project - New Norfolk worth \$600,000.
- CCTV - New Norfolk worth \$48,000.
- Final stage of the Three Capes Walk worth \$3,800,000.
- Carlton River Bridge Upgrade worth \$1,200,000.
- Eel aquaculture facility in Bagdad from the Tasmanian Jobs and Investment Fund worth \$400,000.
- Meander Valley Catchment Landcare Group to eradicate feral cats and increase community efforts to protect the Eastern Barred Bandicoot and the Eastern Quoll.
- Environmental modelling for the construction of marine infrastructure at Rosevears Waterfront Tavern via the Regional Tourism Infrastructure and Innovation Fund worth \$150,000.
- Tasmanian Berries at Exton expansion - from Tasmanian Jobs & Investment Fund worth \$430,000.
- Hobart Airport Roundabout upgrade worth \$24,000,000.
- Highland Lakes Road upgrade worth \$5,000,000.
- Brighton CBD revitalisation worth \$840,000.
- Campbell Town Oval-precinct upgrade worth \$750,000.
- CCTV Primrose Sands worth \$20,000.
- Blue Tier Mountain Bike Trails, stage 2 worth \$1,600,000.

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- Upgrade of 4 bridges on Upper Esk Road worth \$273,000.
- Cradle Mountain business case and economic impact statement worth \$1,000,000.
- Geeves Effect wilderness proposal at Lake Geeves worth \$70,000.
- Fern Tasmania business case worth \$50,000.
- Midlands Aquatic and Recreation Centre Oatlands worth \$1,500,000.
- Exeter Community Precinct worth \$1,000,000.
- Wanneroo Rd/Ocean Reef Rd interchange worth \$20,000,000.
- CCTV cameras at Kingsway Regional Sports Complex in Madeley worth \$207,000.
- Ballajura FC - Kingfisher Oval Lighting Upgrade worth \$200,000.
- Olympic Kingsway Sports Club upgrade worth \$250,000.
- Wanneroo City Soccer Club – Kingsway Sporting Complex change room facilities worth \$150,000.
- Wanneroo Netball Association/Kingsway Sporting Complex netball facilities worth \$500,000.
- Beechboro Soccer, Eastern Blades Hockey, Cracovia Soccer grants worth \$26,500.
- CCTV in Beechboro, Kiara, Lockridge worth \$500,000.
- \$300,000 to install a right turn lane Intersection of Boyer Road and Serenity Drive at Bridgewater.
- \$250,000 to upgrade the road alignment 250m section of Carlton River Road approximately 1km east of Gate Five Road at Carlton River.
- \$155,000 for curve improvements at the intersection of Railton Road and Dunorlan Road at Moltema.
- \$150,000 to remodel the layout of the junction on the Intersection of Lyell Highway and Marlborough Road at Bronte Park.
- \$133,067 to relocate the junction at the Intersection of Mud Walls Road and Lovely Banks Road at Colebrook.
- \$50,000 to improve skid resistance and delineation on a 500m section of Parkers Ford Road between Panatana Rivulet and 150m south of St Louis Drive at Port Sorell.
- \$45,000 to improve skid resistance and delineation on a section of West Kentish Road from Staverton Road to 350m east at West Kentish.
- \$25,000 to install safety barriers and upgrade delineation on a 640m section of Nowhere Else Road between Keens Road and Old Waterworks Road at Nowhere Else.
- \$10,000 to improve sight distance at the Intersection of Charles Street and Milldam Road at Squeaking Point.
- \$6,000 to seal the access at the Intersection of Boyer Road and the Derwent Valley Field and Game Club access road at Boyer.
- CCTV - Mills Park in Beckenham worth \$80,000.
- Baseball Park Upgrade, City of Gosnells worth \$6,000,000.
- Widen the Mount Dandenong Tourist Road worth \$10,000,000.
- Ridge Walk, connecting Upwey/Tecoma to Montrose via Ferny Creek, Sassafras, Olinda, Mount Dandenong, and Kalorama worth \$2,500,000.
- Upgrade the iconic Puffing Billy, including construction of all-weather facilities worth \$6,500,000.
- Extend the Emerald/Cockatoo trail to Gembrook worth \$1,000,000.
- Environment projects in Dandenong Ranges worth \$2,400,000.
- CCTV in Belgrave worth \$84,500.
- Peninsula Junior Strikers at Ballam Park \$300,000.
- Peninsula Senior Strikers at Centenary Park worth \$410,000. CCTV in locations including Dandenong, Hampton Park and Frankston worth \$1,300,000.
- Athletics Track for Mornington Peninsula worth \$2,000,000.
- Seaford Football/Netball Club at RF Miles Recreation Reserve worth \$300,000.
- Seaford United Soccer Club at Seaford North Reserve worth \$300,000.
- Karingal Football/Netball Club at Ballam Park worth \$300,000.

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- Mornington Netball Court's bitumen surface with synthetic surface worth \$500,000.
- Complete the Monash University Hockey Centre rehabilitation at Peninsula Hockey Centre, Frankston worth \$100,000.
- Frankston Dolphins Junior Football Club for lighting worth \$300,000.
- Mount Eliza parking & student safety project worth \$280,000.
- Establish playing fields, including soccer fields and a hockey pitch to support junior soccer and hockey for Mt Martha, the Southern Peninsula, Mornington and Frankston worth \$1,000,000.
- Aspley Hornets Football Club upgrade worth \$540,000.
- Redcliffe PCYC Upgrade worth \$450,000.
- Rookwood Weir Business Case worth \$2,000,000.
- Rookwood Weir worth \$130,000,000.
- Moore Park Surf Lifesaving worth \$400,000.
- Bundaberg Channel capacity upgrade feasibility study worth \$1,230,000.
- Feasibility study to fast-track water infrastructure in the Gayndah area worth \$1,200,000.
- Gladstone Sporting Infrastructure Plan, including \$200,000 for PCYC for Solar & \$160,000 to light fields at Liz Cunningham Park worth a total of \$610,000.
- Upgrade of Philip Street, Gladstone worth \$20,000,000.
- Feasibility study on inland rail to Port of Galdstone worth \$250,000.
- Beenleigh Senior Citizens Centre upgrade of kitchen & laundry worth \$90,000.
- Six community organisations to share for installing solar worth \$100,000.
- CCTV under Safer Communities projects in Logan worth \$525,000.
- Addressing short-term congestion and safety issues on the Mt Lindesay Highway between Beaudesert and the Logan Motorway worth \$10,000,000.
- New lighting at the Ormeau Bulldogs AFL field worth \$100,000.
- New clubhouse for Logan Lightning FC, Shailer Park worth \$350,000.
- CCTV in Kallangur worth \$30,000.
- Infrastructure at the Moreton Bay Regional University Precinct worth \$35,000,000.
- Dayboro memorial Showgrounds precinct upgrade worth \$1,500,000.
- Rockhampton Hockey Centre upgrade worth \$600,000.
- Emu Park improved sport and recreation facilities worth \$1,500,000.
- Rockhampton Base Hospital Carpark Precinct worth \$7,000,000.
- playground grant for Clermont's Kindergarten and Day Care worth \$11,454.
- Clermont's Wildlife Rescue Service which rescues orphaned joeys and possums worth \$3,000.
- New Walkerston Bypass (also known as the Bowen Basin Service Link) worth \$75,000,000.
- Bowen Basin jobs package (worth \$30,000,000).
- Duplication works on the Capricorn Highway, reducing congestion and time delays between Rockhampton and Gracemere worth \$60,000,000.
- Sarina BMX Race Track upgrade worth \$350,000.
- Blackspot funding for the intersection at Horse and Jockey Road and Lansdowne Road at Racecourse worth \$1,191,500.
- Stage 1 Pilbeam Walkway worth \$1,500,000.
- CCTV cameras in Grafton worth \$200,000.
- Six wooden bridge replacements in the Kyogle Shire worth \$2,000,000
- Maclean River Board walk upgrade worth \$1,800,000
- Casino Amphitheatre worth \$500,000
- Stage 1 – Duck Creek Mountain Bike Park Alstonville worth \$15,000.
- Woolgoola Surf Club House worth \$1,000,000.

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- Oakes Oval upgrade in Lismore worth \$1,400,000.
- Solar panels at the Lismore Basketball Stadium worth \$12,000.
- Lismore Thistles Soccer Club worth \$5,000.
- Iluka Meals on Wheels worth \$5,000.
- Road upgrades to seal Richmond Terrace in Coraki and sealing works on Conway Street, Wyrallah Road and Broadwater Road worth \$2,000,000.
- Coalition's Regional Jobs and Investment Package (RIJP) announced for 10 regions worth \$220,000,000.
- Kyogle Pool Upgrade worth \$250,000.
- To ensure flying foxes removed from Batemans Bay don't return or move to another community under the National Environmental Science Program worth \$50,000.
- Respite centre for young people with disabilities in Ulladulla worth \$358,000.
- Shoalhaven Council upgrade of Ulladulla harbour worth \$790,000.
- Moruya Airport Upgrade – Stage 1 worth \$2,500,000.
- Batemans Bay Road projects worth \$9,000,000.
- Georges River Recovery Plan worth \$2,000,000.
- Upgrade of St George Sporting facilities worth \$1,750,000.
- Padstow Park Public School worth \$5,000.
- \$30 million for the M5 South West Motorway worth \$30,000,000.
- Gilbert's Potoroo Action Group for the Gilbert's Potoroo worth \$250,000.
- Martu Traditional Owners for the Mala, Golden Bandicoot worth \$250,000.
- Cassowary Recovery Team for the Cassowary worth \$150,000.
- Mungarru Lodge Sanctuary for the Mahogany Glider worth \$50,000.
- Friends of Ormeau Bottle Tree for the Ormeau Bottle Tree worth \$20,000.
- Hunter Bird Observers Club for the Eastern Curlew worth \$20,000.
- Meander Valley Catchment Landcare Group for the Eastern Barred Bandicoot, Eastern Quoll worth \$90,000.
- Friends of Helmeted Honeyeater for the Helmeted Honeyeater worth \$50,000.
- Friends of Terrick Terrick National Park for the Plains Wanderer worth \$20,000.

#### **Answer:**

Projects funded under the Infrastructure Investment Program are part of a National Partnership Agreement and are available at <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/projects/index.aspx>.

As the work involved in processing the request for all other Funding Agreements within the portfolio, including seeking the consent of funding proponents, would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the agency from its other operations, individual Funding Agreements have not been provided.