

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates November 2013

Agriculture

Question: 127

Division/Agency: Agricultural Productivity Division/Dairy Australia

Topic: Status of funding under the Energy Efficiency Information Grants Program

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Senator STERLE asked:

1. You received a grant of \$1m under the Energy Efficiency Information Grants Program under round one of that program. What is the status of that funding?
2. What have you been told by the new department about future rounds of this grant, given a second round was expected to be released?

Answer:

1. We received \$1million under the Energy Efficiency Information Grants (EEIG) Round 1 program for financial years 2012–13, 2013–14 & 2014–15 for the project “Smarter energy use on Australian dairy farms”.

The contract for this project has been executed and delivery of activities has commenced, and in some regions completed, for this project.

2. Under round 2 of the EEIG program Dairy Australia received an additional \$721 000 for financial years 2013–14 & 2014–15 to undertake the project “Extending the message of smarter energy use on Australian dairy farms”. The contract for this project has been executed and delivery of activities has commenced regionally.

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Topic: Outstanding grant applications

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Senator STERLE asked:

Do you have any outstanding grant applications with government that you have not heard back from?

Answer:

Yes. Under the Caring for our Country Sustainable Agriculture Innovation Grants Program Dairy Australia submitted an application for the project INNOV-144 "CORE 4 - New horizons, new lands for an innovative program stimulating on-farm innovation", requesting a total of \$1 499 955.00. We have not received any notification of the status of this grant application.

Dairy Australia is also a partner in the project "Precision use of nutrients, energy and water to optimise production and environmental outcomes in Australian dairying" submitted by DairySA under the same program requesting a total of \$1 350 000. DairySA and partners have not yet received any notification of the status of this grant application.