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TOPIC: TCF Strategic Capability Program / Ethical Clothing Australia

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No: AI-160

Of all the businesses that have applied for funding under the TCF Strategic Capability Program, how many have not been members of Ethical Clothing Australia? And of these, how many have been informed in writing that they did not qualify to receive grants because they were not members of Ethical Clothing Australia?

ANSWER

Thirteen applying businesses (those that were clothing manufacturers) were required by the program's guidelines to be accredited or seeking accreditation with Ethical Clothing Australia. Of these, six were found to be ineligible by virtue of not being accredited or seeking accreditation to the satisfaction of the Department. All applicants who were found ineligible for the program in this manner were advised in writing and by telephone.