

Senate Standing Committee on Economics
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing 2009-10
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Green Building Fund

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Abetz

QUESTION No.: SI-2

The ‘merit of all eligible applications is assessed by a Department Panel, convened for that purpose’.

Will the Department outline to the Committee:

- (i) who is on the Department Panel?
- (ii) how the panel’s membership was established (who picked its members)?
- (iii) has the panel’s membership changed since its initial establishment, if so please outline any changes?
- (iv) how often does the panel convene?
- (v) what cost benefit analysis is used by the department when assessing submissions?
- (vi) were any of the Departmental Panel’s recommendations to not grant funding under stream A, in rounds 1-4 of the *Green Building Fund* over turned by the Minister or his staff?
- (vii) how many recommendations were over turned?
- (viii) what was the basis for the Minister, to overrule the Departmental Panel’s recommendations?
- (ix) what electorates were these projects from?

ANSWER

- (i) The Departmental Panel comprises:
 - General Manager, Customer Services, AusIndustry
 - General Manager, Innovation and Space, Manufacturing Division
 - State Manager, Victorian State Office, AusIndustry
- (ii) In accordance with the Program Guidelines for the Green Building Fund, the Departmental Panel was convened by the Program Delegate for the Green Building Fund
- (iii) No
- (iv) Once each Program Round (one meeting for combined Stream A and B rounds)
- (v) Greenhouse gas savings per dollar of grant sought by an applicant
- (vi) No
- (vii) Not applicable
- (viii) Not applicable
- (ix) Not applicable