

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** GREEN BUILDING FUND

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Colbeck

**QUESTION No.:** SI-145

1. How many grant agreements under the Green Building Fund have been terminated?
2. Please list which Green Building Fund grants have been terminated and on what dates respectively - and how much was spent on each of these grants.
3. How much funding in total was provided through these agreements before their eligibility for further payments under the Fund ceased?
4. Is the wind turbine project on Hobart's Marine Board building one of the terminated projects – and on what date was the grant agreement ceased?
5. On how many occasions in total have extensions been requested to the deadlines for Green Building Fund projects?
6. Across all of the Green Building Fund projects, what percentage of the new equipment being used in them (like wind turbines and air conditioning systems, for example) have been made in Australia?
7. Is there any stipulation in the program guidelines about the proponents needing to satisfy any basic requirements in the way of using local Australian content in their projects?

**ANSWER**

1. Thirteen.
2. The Green Building Fund Program Guidelines confidentiality provisions preclude public release of this information in a disaggregated form. Over the life of the program, a total of \$453,737 (GST exclusive) was spent on the 13 grants terminated.
3. A total of \$1,041,664 (GST exclusive) was paid under the grant agreements, prior to their termination. From this total, \$587,927 (GST exclusive) was recovered as a requirement of the Deed of Termination and Release, leaving \$453,737 (GST exclusive) in grant entitlements for eligible expenditure incurred on grant projects prior to the cessation of the relevant grant projects.
4. No.
5. Eighty seven requests have been received to 31 October 2011 to vary a grant agreement to allow an extension of the project end date.
6. Data on the source of equipment being used in projects is not collected.
7. No.