

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

DEEWR Question No. EW0567_12

Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

Question

Community Infrastructure Grants – Youth Commitment correspondence

Is the Government aware of the numerous letters and correspondence from DEEWR to CCGT indicating they would be receiving the grant funding and then inducing them to expend some \$50,000 on the applications?

Answer

To receive funding under the program, proponents were required to provide a comprehensive application. The application required budgets, timelines, governance arrangement and risk management plans.

Correspondence between the Department and Central Coast Group Training Centre outlined the steps required to meet the application process and provided indicative timeframes and the Program Guidelines.

The Program Guidelines state that proponents “should not begin project activities dependent on funding before contractual arrangements have been signed with the Department. Proponents should also be aware that work commenced on the project without a properly executed Funding Agreement/Implementation Plan will be at their own risk.”