

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
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Questions on Notice: AusAID

Question No. 47

Senator Trood asked in writing

Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?

Answer:

Discretionary grant payments made by AusAID are considered to be Official Development Assistance and do not fall within the definition of grants under the *Financial Management and Accountability Regulations*. As a result, AusAID is exempt from the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines.

However, AusAID's Chief Executive Instructions require that all competitive grant programs comply with the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines as a matter of good practice. This includes making details of competitive grant programs available on AusAID's website.