

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance

Outcome/Program: 1/1.1

Topic: Grants Policy

Senator: Wong

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Question:

1. Can the Department provide a list of all grant program guidelines that have been submitted to Finance and released publicly?
 - a) Can Finance confirm that all these guidelines met the requirements of the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines?
 - b) Can Finance outline why any released grant program guidelines do/did not meet the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines?
2. Can the Department provide a list of all grant program guidelines that have been submitted to Finance and not released yet, or are no longer intended to be released?
 - a) Can Finance outline why in each instance?

Answer:

1. See Attachment A for a list of all grant program guidelines that were submitted to Finance (from 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014) and publicly released.
 - a) The grant programs listed in Attachment A met the requirements for grant guidelines in the CGGs. Finance also provides advice in relation to how agency grant guidelines can meet the better practice principles in the CGGs.
 - b) Under the devolved financial framework, agencies are ultimately responsible for meeting the requirements of the CGGs and may or may not incorporate Finance's comments.
2. See Attachment B for a list of all grant program guidelines that were submitted to Finance (from 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014) and are not released yet, or are no longer intended to be released.
 - a) Finance does not have access to this information.

Agency	Grant program title
Cancer Australia	Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme
Department of Communications	Community Self-Help Radio Transmission Program
Attorney-General's Department	Family Relationship Services Program
Attorney-General's Department	Legal Financial Assistance for Witnesses to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
Department of Education	Creative Young Stars
National Health and Medical Research Council	Project Grants
National Health and Medical Research Council	Centres of Research Excellence
National Health and Medical Research Council	Research Fellowships
National Health and Medical Research Council	Practitioner Fellowships
Department of Social Services	Royal Commission Community Support Services
Department of Social Services	Mental Health Respite(MHR:CS) and Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHAMS): Carer Support
National Health and Medical Research Council	Career Development Fellowships
Cancer Australia	Supporting People with Cancer Grant Initiative
Department of Education	National School Chaplaincy & Student Welfare Program (NSCSWP) - update to complaint mechanism
Department of Social Services	Transition to Independent Living Allowance (TILA) Program
Australian Research Council	Discovery Program for the years 2014 and 2015
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan
National Health and Medical Research Council	Early Career Fellowships
National Health and Medical Research Council	Translating Research into Practice Fellowships
National Health and Medical Research Council	Development Grants
National Health and Medical Research Council	Postgraduate Scholarships
National Health and Medical Research Council	Partnership Centres
Attorney-General's Department	Native Title (Assistance from Attorney-General)
Attorney-General's Department	Commonwealth Guidelines for Legal Financial Assistance
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	Community Development Grants
Department of Employment	Tasmanian Jobs Programme
Department of the Environment	Australian Antarctic Science Grants Program
Department of Health	Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship (MRBS) Scheme
Department of Agriculture	Australia-China Agricultural Cooperation Agreement (ACACA) Program
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Indigenous Community Links
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Stronger Futures in the NT - Food Security
Attorney-General's Department	Cultural Gifts Programme
National Health and Medical Research Council	Program Grants
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Indigenous Heritage Programme
Cancer Australia	Well Women Workshops
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	Indian Ocean Territories Community Grants Programme
Attorney-General's Department	Australian International Co-production Program
Department of Industry	Australia-India Strategic Research Fund -Rd 8
Australian Research Council	Linkage Program 2015 – LIEF
Attorney-General's Department	Native title officer funding
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Austrade Asian Business Engagement Plan
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Indigenous Employment Programme (PM&C)

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Department of Communications	Community Self-Help Radio Transmission Program
Department of Communications	Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency Transition
Department of Industry	Prime Minister's Prizes for Science - 2014