

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

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Outcome/Program: 1/1.3**

**Topic: Nation-building Funds**

**Senator: Fierravanti-Wells**

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**Question:**

**Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS:** In relation to that, please take on notice whether all of these projects have stuck to the budgeted amount, noting that I am only after those that have gone over budget materially. I can appreciate there could be some which might over by a slight amount, so I only want to know if there have been any material variations.

**Mr Grant:** I will take it on notice but I am not aware of any which have gone over the allocated amount.

**Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS:** From all four rounds thus far?

**Mr Grant:** Not that I am aware of, but I will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

All Nation-building Funds projects are funded in accordance with the agreed budget amount approved by the Government. Funding for Nation-building Funds projects are assessed by the relevant independent advisory board, recommended by the relevant portfolio minister, and considered by Government through the Budget process. When a change to the budget for a project is proposed, the change is required to be assessed by the advisory board, recommended by the relevant portfolio minister and approved by the Government.