

Follow up questions for Senator Ciccone on the Building Landcare Community Capacity Program

Further information on a response from Wednesday, Ms Campbell was asked how many grants have been approved since last Senate Estimates. Ms Campbell said 2 grants have been extended, but would take the answer on notice.

There have been 4 grants approved. In addition to the 2 grants extending funding for Landcare Australia Limited and National Landcare Network referred to by Ms Campbell, 2 new grants have been approved:

- Charles Darwin University for the North Australia and Rangelands Fire Information Service (NAFI) - \$407, 125 – 1 year – approved 18 June 2020
- Southern Cross University for a soils project - \$2,500,000 – 3 years – 5 June 2020

In response to the question:

Is it correct that 8 grants have been given to Landcare?

With the extensions referred to above there are 10 grants to National Landcare Network and Landcare Australia Limited

Can you confirm the number of grants executed between 12-18 May 2019?

14 grants were executed by between 12–18 may 2019. All of these were approved by the Minister prior to the caretaker period (21 March)

When were grantees notified by the Department?

Departmental officers contacted grantees to inform them of the available funding and worked with them to finalise funding agreements between March when the funding was approved by the Minister and dates contracts were signed.