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Senator Moore asked:

How many organisations are there, who are currently receiving grants funding, for whom does the Department not have current contact details, numbers or emails? Can the Department provide a list of these organisations?

Answer:

The Department collects and maintains organisational details for all grant recipients. The Department updates organisational information when funding agreement offers or variations are made and when a grant recipient notifies the Department, which is required under the terms of their funding agreement.

There are other processes during the course of a funding agreement that will prompt the Department to check the currency of a grant recipient's organisational details, such as sending out performance data forms, site visits and in the course of making scheduled payments.

Those organisations currently funded by the Department who are applying for funding in any of the current direct, restricted or open selection processes, are required to confirm their details are up-to-date or provide updated details as part of the registration process.