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Topic: Strengthening Communities Program

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Senator Louise Pratt asked:

At the Budget Estimates hearing on 6 May 2016 the Department could not say when or if the recommendations for volunteer grants had gone to Minister Porter. On 14 September, the department advised that recommendations had gone to him on 4 May. When did Minister Porter make his decision as to which applications were successful and not successful?

Answer:

The Department is delegated to approve proposed commitment under Section 32 of the *Public Governance, Accountability and Performance Act 2013*. The Department, not Minister Porter, made decisions as to which applications were successful and not successful.

Information on volunteer grants was provided to Minister Porter's office for the purpose of announcing the outcomes.