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Communications Portfolio
Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 5

Program 1.1

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Topic: Grants

Senator McKenzie, Bridget asked:

Could the Department please provide detailed figures regarding the number and amount of grants it has approved in the past 12 months to co-operatives and mutuals as compared to incorporated businesses?

1. If none, will the Department consider changing the eligibility criteria to allow co-operatives to apply for funding under government programmes?

Answer:

The Department's Financial Management Information System is not configured in a way that would readily allow this information to be provided. To attempt to provide this information would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

All grants made by the Department are published on its departmental website at **www.communications.gov.au/who-we-are/department/funding-reporting**.

Eligibility criteria, including who is eligible to apply, will vary by programme to reflect the policy intent of government.