Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Communications Portfolio

Screen Australia

Question No: 196(l)

Screen Australia

Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016

Topic: Grants

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants?

2. How are grants applied for?

3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail.

    (a) Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved.

4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?

5. Who is involved in this selection process?

6. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail.

    (a) Has the minister or the minister's office exercised or attempted to exercise any influence over the awarding of any grants? If yes, please detail.

7. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.

8. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.

Answer:

1-5: The information requested is available from the Screen Australia website, www.screenaustralia.gov.au.

6-6a: No.

7: All funding recipients are published in Screen Australia's annual reports. To attempt to provide the level of detail for the date ranges requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

8. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.