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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: The Next Generation Manufacturing Investment program

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QUESTION No.: AI-39

Department of Industry, Innovation & Science

1. Why are cooperative manufacturing firms registered under State Acts currently excluded under clause 30 of the eligibility criteria for the Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Program funding?
2. 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?
3. If none, will the Department consider changing the eligibility criteria to allow co-operatives to apply for funding under government programmes?

ANSWER

1. It was not the Australian Government's intention to exclude cooperative manufacturing firms incorporated under State Acts from the Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Programme Round 2 provided they are trading corporations.
2. All grants executed by the department are published at <http://www.industry.gov.au/AboutUs/LegalandLegislativeReporting/Grants/Pages/default.aspx>. The department does not maintain detailed information about entity structures.
3. The department is currently clarifying the eligibility criteria for the Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Programme Round 2.