

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: BET 887-888

Topic: Discretionary Grants (ABS)

Hansard Page: Written (received from Committee – 13 June 2012)

Senator BUSHBY asked:

887. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.
888. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?

Answer:

887. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has paid \$32,000 in scholarship payments for the period 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012. All payments relate to the Methodology Scholarship for students who want to pursue a career in statistical research.

More information about the scholarship can be found at the ABS website.

www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/corporate.nsf/home/Cadetships+and+Scholarships

The following table provides the details of the recipients.

ABS – Methodology Scholarship Recipient Payments – 1 July to 31 May 2012				
Recipient	Program Title	Value	Approval date	Grant Funding Location
Chaturi Bhaskaran	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships 2011 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2011	ACT
Katherine Sollis	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2011 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2011	ACT
Mingmei Teo	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2011 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2011	SA

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Kate Richter	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships – 2011 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2011	SA
Christopher Fillmore	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2011 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2011	QLD
Adam Rohrlach	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2011 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2011	SA
Kelli Francis-Staite	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships -2011 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2011	SA
Matthew Burgess	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2011 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2011	ACT
Lydia Braunack-Mayer	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 1st semester payments.	\$2,000	March 2012	SA
Andrew Pfeiffer	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 1st semester payments.	\$2,000	March 2012	SA
Robert Cumming	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 1st semester payments.	\$2,000	March 2012	QLD
Joshua Horsley	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 1st semester payments.	\$2,000	March 2012	QLD
Daniel Ahfock	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 1st semester payments.	\$2,000	March 2012	QLD

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Kelsey Chalmers	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 1st semester payments.	\$2,000	March 2012	QLD
Peta Darby	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 1st semester payments.	\$2,000	March 2012	ACT
Catherine Culvenor	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships - 2012 1st semester payments.	\$2,000	March 2012	ACT
	TOTAL	\$32,000		

ABS has partnered with AMSI and CSIRO to support the delivery of a CSIRO Education prepared e-newsletter, "Maths and Stats by Email".

'Maths by Email' is a program that has provided a fortnightly e-newsletter to subscribers since March 2010. The program is aimed at primary and secondary school teachers, students and families.

There are currently over 12,000 subscribers to the e-newsletter, the majority of which are primary and secondary school teachers. Maths by Email is an initiative to connect the study of mathematics or statistics by students to career opportunities.

Recipient	Program Title	Value	Approval date	Grant Funding Location
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: informed and increased use of statistics.	\$247,500	December 2011	Vic 2912

888. The ABS has published all its discretionary grants awarded on its website. However in some circumstances, it has not published the required information on its awarded grants by the seventh working day after the funding agreement for the grants took effect.