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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Department/ Agency: ACNC

Question: BET 3409-3410

Topic: Grants

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Senator: Ludwig

Question:

3409. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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.
3410. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to Additional Estimates in February, 2014, 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:

3409. N/A

3410. On 2 September 2013 the ACNC approved two one-off grants under the Early Career Research Awards program.

Both research projects are underway.

The recipients are Dr Angie Bletsas from the South Australian Council of Social Services and Dr Craig Furneaux from the Queensland University of Technology.

The amount of \$1,500 was paid to each recipient since the Additional Estimates in February 2014 (\$1,500 paid to SACOSS on behalf of Dr Angie Bletsas on 11 April 2014, and \$1,500 paid to Dr Craig Furneaux on 10 April 2014).

The intended use of the grants is to assist early career researchers to undertake research to benefit the public and the not-for-profit sector. Specifically, Dr Bletsas will be working with the ACNC to examine what independence means for the not-for-profit sector, and Dr Furneaux will be undertaking further analysis of the ACNC's data to investigate what makes the public trust charities.

The grants will benefit the community, rather than one particular location or electorate.

Dr Bletsas is located in South Australia, and Dr Furneaux is located in Queensland.

Dr Bletsas' project due for completion at the end of August 2014, and Dr Furneaux's due for completion at the end of 2014.