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Senator KIM CARR: How many applications to date have there been for the Manufacturing Transition Grants Programme?

Ms Peterson: We have received four final applications to date.

Senator KIM CARR: Four?

Ms Peterson: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Officers have considerable experience in terms of running the program. Does the number of ramifications surprise you?

Ms Peterson: The round closes on 24 October. In our experience, for rounds based programmes they do typically come in at the last minute.

Senator KIM CARR: So, can we expect quite a few tomorrow?

Ms Peterson: I would think so. There has been quite a bit of interest in the programme. We have had more than 5,800 hits to the website. We have had around 50 customers that have had detailed discussions with the department about possible proposals.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. Could I ask you to take on notice to advise the committee how many applications there have been at the close of the round?

ANSWER

The first round of the Manufacturing Transition Programme closed on 24 October 2014. A total of 77 applications were received.