Department/Agency: ABS
Question: 1086-1093
Topic: Grants
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Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Since 1 January 2015:

1086.   What guidelines are in place to administer grants?

1087.   How are grants applied for?

1088.   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.

1089.   What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?

1090.   Who is involved in this selection process?

1091.   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.

1092.   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.

1093.   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:

(1086-1091).   The ABS does not have a current grants programme, and therefore, no specific guidelines have been developed.

1092.   The ABS has made no grant payments of any kind for the period 01January 2015 to 30 October 2015.

1093. The ABS had no grants approved prior to January 2015 that did not have financial arrangements in place at that time.