

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000282

Senator Ludwig asked in writing

Question

ASEA - Grants

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants?
2. How are grants applied for?
3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail.
 1. Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved.
4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?
5. Who is involved in this selection process?
6. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail.
 1. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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

1. Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Ad Hoc Grants Policy Statement and Ad Hoc Grants Risk Assessment
2. Stakeholders submit a proposal for grant funding.
3. No.
 1. N/A
4. Proposals are assessed by a panel in accordance with the policy statement and risk assessment and selected on the basis of supporting the National Strategic Plan on Asbestos Management and Awareness 2014–18 and in line with the key principles for grants administration as set out in the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines.
5. The panel consists of agency staff and may also include members from other state or Commonwealth government agencies or members of the agency's Research Advisory Committee.
6. No.
 1. N/A.
7. No grants have been awarded since 14 September 2015.
8. No grants have been approved without financial contracts in place since 14 September 2015.