

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Agency - Asbestos Safety & Eradication Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EM1497_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

ASEA - Grants

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 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. a. 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. 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. 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. Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines.
2. By submission of proposal.
3. No.
4. To assess the content of the proposal to determine if it meets the objectives of the agency and the National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness.
5. Grants are approved by the CEO of the Agency. The CEO may request advice from the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council.
6. No.
7. All grants provided by the Agency are published on the Agency's website.
8. Nil.