

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Safe Work Australia

Department of Employment Question No. EM1502_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

SWA - 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. The *Safe Work Australia Sponsorship Guidelines* are published on the Safe Work Australia website. General grants guidelines also form part of the Agency's Accountable Authority Instructions (AAIs).
2. Grants are applied for as per the guidelines. The Agency also receives ad hoc requests for grants.
3. No, although the Safe Work Australia Sponsorship Guidelines state:

Safe Work Australia will be cautious about entering any sponsorship arrangement that may potentially expose the agency to risks including, but not limited to:

- *creating potential or actual conflict of interests (e.g. sponsoring businesses that are likely to tender for future contracts)*
- *public perception of conflict of interest*

- *sponsors who may use the sponsorship arrangement to influence government, public policy or for any other purpose detrimental to Safe Work Australia's role or image, and*
- *associations or bodies with political objectives or affiliations.*

4. As per the guidelines.

5. Safe Work Australia's sponsorships and grants are approved at the CEO level. Consultation also involves the Senior Executive and in some cases Safe Work Australia Members.

6. No.

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Recipient	Program	Intended use	Amount	Date	State	Electorate
University of South Australia	Ad hoc	Funding of the Australian Workplace Barometer	\$336,875	22/8/14	SA 5000	Adelaide
Department of Justice and Attorney-General	Sponsorship	Sponsorship of the Musculoskeletal Disorder Symposium	\$11,000	1/10/14	Qld 4006	Brisbane
ARRB Group	Sponsorship	Sponsorship of National Road Safety Partnership Program	\$10,676	25/8/14	Vic 3133	Deakin

8. Not applicable.