

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question:

The grants reporting page shows Minister Cash has granted a total of \$974 000 in WLDS funding to the Australian Mines and Metals Association between 2014 and 2016.

- a. Did the Australian Mines and Metals Association submit applications for these grants?
- b. How was each application assessed? In isolation? Or against other applications?
- c. What proportion of annual WLDS did the grants comprise in the years they were made?
- d. How many meetings has Minister Cash held with the Australian Mines and Metals Association in the past year, in her capacities as Minister for Women, Senator for Western Australia, and Minister for Employment?
- e. Was an evaluation conducted of the first AMMA grant?

Answer:

The grants reporting page shows the Office for Women (OfW) has entered into funding agreements with AMMA for \$1,023,000 (GST inclusive) from 2013-14 to 2017-18 (\$484,000 for FY13/14 - 15/16 and \$539,000 for FY16/17 - 17/18).

- a. Yes.
- b. OfW evaluates each application under the WLDS on its own merits against the criteria in the funding guidelines which can be found at <http://www.dpmc.gov.au/office-women/grants-and-funding>. Recommendations for funding are provided to the Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash for consideration.
- c.

Financial Year	PBS estimated expenditure/budget for WLDS	Grant Amount (GST Ex)	Percentage
2013-2014	\$2,670,000	220,000	8.2%
2014-2015	\$3,650,000	-	-
2015-2016	\$3,555,000	220,000	6%
2016-2017	\$3,602,000	245,000	6.8%

2017-2018	\$3,306,000	245,000	7.4%
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- d. The Minister was the keynote speaker at the opening of the AMMA National Conference on 4 August 2016. The Minister also attended an AMMA Women's Leadership Roundtable Luncheon on Wednesday 16 November 2016.
- e. Yes. Information provided by the grant recipient in progress reports, milestone reports and final reports and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's own records on the delivery and performance of the programme were used to evaluate the AMMA grant.