

**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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**Senator:** Moore, Claire

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**Question:**

The grants reporting page shows Minister Cash has granted over \$1 million in funding to the Australian Institute of Company Directors between 2014 and 2016. For each of the years the program has been funded:

- a. Did AICD submit an application for this funding?
- b. How was the application assessed? In isolation? Or against other applications?
- c. What proportion of annual WLDS did these grants comprise in the year they were made?  
How many scholarships were allocated?
- d. What was the value of the scholarships awarded?
- e. What proportion of the value of the scholarship was provided through government funding?
- f. Was an evaluation of the first 2014-2016 AICD grant conducted?
- g. Were grant applications received from any other organisations that offer board training programs?

**Answer:**

- a. Yes.
- b. The Office for Women assesses each application under the WLDS on its own merits against the criteria in the funding guidelines, which can be found at <http://www.dpmp.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. **Table 1:**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>PBS estimated Expenditure/Budget for WLDS (GST excl)</b>	<b>Grant Amount (GST excl)</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
2013-14	\$2,670,000	\$500,000	18.7%
2014-15	\$3,510,000	\$150,000	4.3%
2015-16	\$3,555,000	\$325,000	9.1%
2016-17	\$3,602,000	\$0.00	0%

- d. A total of 195 scholarships have been allocated through two grant agreements:
- Under the Board Diversity Scholarship Program, 140 scholarships to women were funded through Rural and Remote Scholarships, Board Ready Scholarships and Sector Development Scholarships.
  - Under the Cultural Diversity Scholarship Program, 55 Cultural Diversity Scholarships were funded consisting of 30 Company Director Course Scholarships and 25 Foundations of Directorship Scholarships.
- e. The value of the scholarships awarded was:
- Board Diversity Scholarship Program = \$985,333, of which WLDS contributed \$650,000 (refer Table 2)
  - Cultural Diversity Scholarship Program = \$325,000.

**Table 2:**

<b>Board Diversity Scholarships</b>	<b>Full Retail Cost including 12 months membership</b>	<b>Government Funding (average cost per scholarship including membership)</b>
Company Directors Course 100 jointly funded scholarships	\$7,550	<b>\$3,870</b>
Foundations of Directorship 20 scholarships	\$3,610	<b>\$2,750</b>
Mastering the Boardroom 20 scholarships	\$8,330	<b>\$6,460</b>
Additional costs (advertising, travel and accommodation)		<b>\$78,800 (across entire program)</b>
<b>Cultural Diversity</b>		
55 scholarships		<b>\$5,794</b>
Advertising		<b>\$6,310 (across entire program)</b>

- f. The proportion of government funding for the:
- Board Diversity Scholarship Program = 65.9 per cent
  - Cultural Diversity Scholarship Program = 100 per cent

- g. 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 Program were used to evaluate the AICD project.
- h. Yes.