

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**SENATE ESTIMATES SESSION**

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Discretionary Grants Programs

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

Are all grants in each program the subject of a pause, or have been the subject of a pause, at any time after the election? Are there any exceptions to the pause either in terms of programs or individual grants within a particular program? If so,

- a) What has been the process around determining any exemptions?
- b) How many grants or programs in this portfolio have been exempted?
- c) What are the details of these grants and programmes?
- d) What was the process used to identify a grant or program that would be excluded from the pause?
- e) Who was the decision maker in each case where a grant or program was exempted from the pause?
- f) In relation to exemptions what role did Prime Minister and Cabinet play?
- g) Where did the initiative for an exemption in the pause come from in each case?

**Answer:**

This question has been addressed in PM 255 and PM 258.