

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

**Finance Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance

**Outcome/Program:** 1/1.1

**Topic:** Summary and list of approved and unapproved grants

**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

**Senator LUDWIG:** Is there a list kept of those currencies, where the minister has had to write to the finance minister advising of the details; and is that available?

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**Senator LUDWIG:** Can I have a list of those?

**Ms Markoulli:** We can take that on notice.

**Senator LUDWIG:** What I was after, if they were available, were the summary and the individual circumstances.

**Ms Markoulli:** Usually, they are quite short lists, but we can certainly take that on notice.

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**Senator LUDWIG:** Just to be clear, could you take on notice both the annual report, the summary, individual occurrences and the 4.12 ones which are done six monthly? They presumably have a short summary and an individual circumstance, as I would imagine it. Can you provide that please?

**Ms Markoulli:** Yes.

**Answer:**

For the annual reporting obligations under paragraph 4.13 of the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines (CGRGs), Minister's reports must be provided to the Finance Minister by 31 March each year for the preceding calendar year. This year, due to the change in Government, Ministers reported by 31 March 2014, for the period 19 September to 31 December 2013, the timeframe in which they were Ministers. There were no reported instances.

For the reporting obligations under paragraph 4.12 of the CGRGs, Attachment A contains the list of reported instances from 19 September 2013 to 30 September 2014. The CGRGs also require entities to publish all grants awarded on their websites (with limited exceptions).

<b>Reporting under paragraph 4.12 Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines - Grants approved by Ministers in their own electorates</b>						
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<b>REPORTED IN PERIOD: 19 Sept 2013 to 31 March 2014</b>						
The Hon Christopher Pyne MP	Sturt	Education - Australian Research Council (ARC)	Future Fellowships	University of South Australia	\$754,320	To measure silver resistance selection pressure in key microbial communities.
The Hon Christopher Pyne MP	Sturt	Education - Australian Research Council (ARC)	Future Fellowships	University of South Australia	\$872,240	This project aims to define how transcription factors program lymphatic vessel identity and control the development of lymphatic vessel valves.
The Hon Christopher Pyne MP	Sturt	Education - Australian Research Council (ARC)	Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities Scheme	University of South Australia	\$375,000	Microdiffraction: advanced capabilities for spatial resolution, trace phase detection and solid object analysis.
The Hon Christopher Pyne MP	Sturt	Education - Australian Research Council (ARC)	Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities Scheme	University of South Australia	\$700,000	Super high resolution correlative microscopy. The project will establish the first facility for super high resolution correlative microscopy in Australia.
The Hon Christopher Pyne MP	Sturt	Education - Australian Research Council (ARC)	Discovery Program	University of South Australia	\$383,000	This project investigates nanoscale organomineral association underlying microaggregate formation and stability, as well as the distribution and microbial decomposition of carbon within microaggregates, using a suite of advanced spectroscopic, molecular and isotopic techniques.

**Attachment A**

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The Hon Christopher Pyne MP	Sturt	Education - Australian Research Council (ARC)	Discovery Program	University of South Australia	\$320,000	Project combines laboratory and field methods to identify situations in which both men and women can negotiate economic outcomes without putting their organisational relationships at risk.
The Hon Christopher Pyne MP	Sturt	Education - Australian Research Council (ARC)	Discovery Program	University of South Australia	\$348,000	Four wave longitudinal study of 3,000 Australian workers, also linking to objective workers compensation data, which will provide fresh insights regarding workplace primary prevention. The dollar value of productivity gains due to happiness, and an Australian worker happiness index, will be determined.
The Hon Christopher Pyne MP	Sturt	Education - Australian Research Council (ARC)	Discovery Program	University of South Australia	\$270,000	This project aims to develop fast and scalable data mining methods for identifying causal relationships from large and/or high dimensional data sets. The developed methods will mainly be evaluated in real world biological applications.
The Hon Christopher Pyne MP	Sturt	Education - Australian Research Council (ARC)	Discovery Program	University of South Australia	\$172,000	This project aims to explore: the impact of impediments and policy in water markets; how further water market products may increase water market efficiency; and, the nature and sources of transaction costs in markets. Benefits from this project will enhance resilience and adaptation of irrigators to future climate change and water shortages, as well as providing future policy guidance.

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The Hon Greg Hunt MP	Flinders	Environment	Australian Marine Mammal Centre Grants Program	Watson, Ms Mandy Watson and Mr Ian Westthorpe	\$98,163 GST excl	Assessment of numbers and distribution of Southern Right Whales in south-east Australia – Year 2. Project will replicate methodology used in south-west Australia to conduct aerial surveys from Ceduna to Sydney (including Tasmania) for a minimum of three years, to obtain a snapshot of population size and gain insights into possible emerging areas of importance across the region. Project directly implements a very high priority action in the Draft Conservation Management Plan for the Southern Right Whales 2011-2016.
<b>REPORTED IN PERIOD: 1 April to 30 September 2014</b>						
The Hon Barnaby Joyce, MP	New England	Agriculture	National Landcare Programme	NSW Dept of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services	\$9,800,161	The NSW Dept will use the grant to provide funding to the 11 local land service regions operating across NSW, of which one is within Minister Joyce's electorate. The value and administration of the grants to the local land service regions is determined by the NSW Department. The individual grant values to areas within the Minister's electorate are not known. The grant was recommended by the Department of Agriculture.
The Hon Greg Hunt MP	Flinders	Environment	National Landcare Programme	Dolphin Research Institute Ltd	\$275,000	Funding was provided in the 2014-15 Budget for the development of an ongoing dolphin health monitoring programme.

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The Hon Jamie Briggs, MP	Mayo	Infrastructure and Regional Development	Black Spot Programme	SA Dept of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure; Callington - Goolwa Road	\$630,000	Recommended by the South Australian Black Spot Consultative Panel and is one of the highest priority projects identified by the panel. The Black Spot Programme is administered by the States and Territories with Australian Government funding. Project will install safety barriers, remove trees and upgrade delineation.
The Hon Jamie Briggs, MP	Mayo	Infrastructure and Regional Development	Black Spot Programme	SA Dept of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure; Mount Compass-Goolwa Road	\$345,000	Recommended by the South Australian Black Spot Consultative Panel and is one of the highest priority projects identified by the panel. Project will install safety barriers, remove trees and upgrade delineation.
The Hon Jamie Briggs, MP	Mayo	Infrastructure and Regional Development	Black Spot Programme	SA Dept of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure; Stock Road	\$183,500	Recommended by the South Australian Black Spot Consultative Panel and is one of the highest priority projects identified by the panel. Project will install advisory speed signage and CAMs on all bends, remove vegetation, install safety barriers on high risk curves, edge lines and audio tactile line marking, improve lighting at intersections and reseal intersections to improve skid resistance.
The Hon Jamie Briggs, MP	Mayo	Infrastructure and Regional Development	Black Spot Programme	SA Dept of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure; McMurtie Road - Hunt Road	\$150,000	Recommended by the South Australian Black Spot Consultative Panel and is one of the highest priority projects identified by the panel. Project will construct right/left staggered T intersection.

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The Hon Jamie Briggs, MP	Mayo	Infrastructure and Regional Development	Black Spot Programme	SA Dept of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure; Mt Barker - Strathalbyn Road	\$100,000	Recommended by the South Australian Black Spot Consultative Panel and is one of the highest priority projects identified by the panel. Project will install safety barriers and upgrade delineation.
The Hon Jamie Briggs, MP	Mayo	Infrastructure and Regional Development	Black Spot Programme	SA Dept of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure; Noarlunga-Cape Jervis Road	\$85,000	Recommended by the South Australian Black Spot Consultative Panel and is one of the highest priority projects identified by the panel. Project will widen sealed shoulder to face of safety barrier or on outside of curves.
The Hon Jamie Briggs, MP	Mayo	Infrastructure and Regional Development	Black Spot Programme	SA Dept of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure; Corkscrew Road, Montacute	\$82,500	Recommended by the South Australian Black Spot Consultative Panel and is one of the highest priority projects identified by the panel. Project will install safety barriers and end terminals at targeted locations, install advisory speed signage and CAMs on all curves, edge line marking and RRPMs. Trim and remove vegetation and install cyclist related signage. .
The Hon Greg Hunt MP	Flinders	Environment	National Landcare Programme	Bass Coast Shire Council	\$25,000	Funding was provided in the 2014-15 Budget.
The Hon Greg Hunt MP	Flinders	Environment	National Landcare Programme	Cleaning up the Yarra - Community Education (Melbourne Down Under) Ms Sheree Marris	\$55,000	The grant was recommended by the Department of Environment.