

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 19**

**Program No. Corporate**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Grants**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

- a) Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from 7 September 2013 to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.
- b) Have all grant agreement details been published on its website
- c) Please list all grants that were approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. Please lists which grant applicants had been contacted advising of their success. Please provide the current status of these grants. Have any of these grants been cancelled, paused, discontinued or cut?

**Answer:**

- a) Since 7 September 2013, all grants, discretionary and non-discretionary, awarded through the Department have been published on the Departmental website at **[www.communications.gov.au](http://www.communications.gov.au)**.
- b) Consistent with the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines, grant agreements are published on the Department's website fourteen days from the date on which the grant agreement is signed or from the specified starting date.
- c) The following grants were proposed subject to final contract on or before 7 September 2013, but did not have the financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013:

Recipient	Amount	Purpose	Advised	Status
National Farmers Federation	\$0.5m	Development and implementation of a Digital Business Kit for the agricultural sector.	Yes	Cancelled