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Topic: Grants – Digital Economy

Senator Lundy asked:

Senator LUNDY: This is a little bit out of context but goes back to earlier questions. There was a document tabled in the Senate that contained a list of grants in the digital economy space by the minister, Mr Turnbull. I do not have it with me; I am trying to get it brought up at the moment, but I think I am going to run out of time.

Senator Birmingham: This would be the usual return to order in compliance with Senate requests to government?

Senator LUNDY: That is correct. I am just curious, because when I saw that document it clearly said all the grants on that list were approved, and I just want you to take it on notice if you do not mind, Mr Clarke, to reconcile that tabled list of grants approved with your current considerations about grants that may not have been contracted formally prior to whatever that appropriate point in time was prior to the election.

Mr Clarke: Thank you. I will take that on notice.

Answer:

See answer to Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013, Question 19.