

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio
Additional Estimates 2005-2006, 16 February 2006

QUESTION No.AI-20

Senator McLucas asked:

Has the grant been acquitted?

ANSWER

Yes.

QUESTION No.AI-21

Senator McLucas asked:

What is the acquittal level and process for this grant, and when is acquittal due under the funding agreement?

ANSWER

Grantees under the Regional Tourism Program are required to provide a final report and a financial acquittal statement. The financial acquittal statement is to be independently audited by a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia or the Society of Certified Practising Accountants who is not an employee or officer of the Grantee. These reports are due 60 days from the project completion date.

QUESTION No.AI-22

Senator McLucas asked:

Who recommended the grant, and who approved it?

ANSWER

The grant was recommended by a departmental officer as part of the 1999-2000 round of the Regional Tourism Program. The grant was approved by the Program Delegate, an SES officer in the Department.

QUESTION No.AI-23

Senator McLucas asked:

Were there any letters of support for the grant, and if so who wrote those letters, and to whom?

ANSWER

Yes. Seven letters of support were provided to the organisation for this grant application. It would not be appropriate for the Department to provide the names of the writers of these letters – these references were provided to the Department on a confidential basis as part of the grant application.