

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: AET 67

Topic: Government Grants

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Senator LUDWIG asked:

With regard to all grants allocated by the department/agency from 1 January 2002, could a table detailing the following information be provided:

- a. The name of the grant program
- b. The name of the grant recipient
- c. The ABN of the grant recipient (where available)
- d. The amount awarded
- e. The date the grant was awarded
- f. The state of the grant recipient
- g. The postcode of the grant recipient

Answer:

The only 'grants' paid by the Tax Office are given under the former Energy Grants Credit Scheme (EGCS), the former Diesel and Alternative Fuel Grant Scheme (DAFGS), the former Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme (DFRS), the Energy Grants Cleaner Fuels Scheme (EGCFS), the former Fuel Sales Grants Scheme (FSGS) and the Product Stewardship Oil (PSO) Scheme. However entitlement to these grants/benefits is created by legislation and is not subject to the exercise of any discretion, therefore they are not considered to be 'allocated'.

The following table summarises total claims and amounts paid by financial year for each of the schemes named above.

Scheme Name	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	
	Claims Paid	Amount \$m	Claims Paid	Amount \$m	Claims Paid	Amount \$m	Claims Paid	Amount \$m	Claims Paid	Amount \$m
EGCS Off Road ¹	205,880	2,095	205,065	2,230	197,915	2,286	211,850	2,569	219,885	2,606
EGCS On Road ²	315,095	753	255,395	808	232,535	855	239,235	902	237,750	924
FSGS	27,300	208	29,270	223	25,780	233	24,805	258	23,690	250
PSO	420	8	430	10	510	13	525	16	545	17
EGCFS ³							59	2	235	22

Source: Taxation Statistics 2004-05: A summary of income tax returns for the 2004-05 income year and other reported tax information for the 2005-06 financial year⁴.

¹ During 2001-02 and 2002-03 this scheme was formerly known as the DRFS

² During 2001-02 and 2002-03 this scheme was formerly known as the DAFGS

³ This scheme commenced in 2004-05

⁴ Data for the 2006-07 financial year is not yet available.