

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Inspiring Australia

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Bushby

**QUESTION No.:** BI-154

1. In relation to payments through the *Inspiring Australia* program, what amount in total has been committed to date? What has been spent to date, to whom it has been paid, and for what purpose in each case?
2. In total, how many individuals and organisations have applied for *Inspiring Australia* funding? How many individuals and organisations have been unsuccessful in seeking funding?

**ANSWER**

1. Under the Inspiring Australia Program, as of 20 June 2012, a total of \$9,573,830 (GST exclusive) has been committed over the period 2011-12 to 2013-14. Of the funding committed, as of 20 June 2012, a total of \$4,794,281 has been spent in 2011-12 as follows:
  - Recipients of 63 *Unlocking Australia's Potential* grants are listed at: <http://www.innovation.gov.au/Science/InspiringAustralia/UnlockingAustraliasPotential/Documents/2012Recipients.xls>;
  - Recipients of 38 *National Science Week* 2012 grants are listed at: <http://www.scienceweek.net.au/national-science-week-2012-grants-2/>;
  - Australian Science Teachers Association to support the 2012 *National Science Week* program through an additional school grants round, the production of a digital school and community resource book, and the production of a poster to promote participation in schools;
  - CSIRO Education to support 2011 *National Science Week* program via development of local events through state/territory coordinating committees, and provision of national committee expenses to review the 2011 Week, and to plan for the 2012 Week;
  - Australian Broadcasting Commission to support the 2012 *National Science Week* program through redeveloping the *National Science Week* website, managing a National Citizen Science project, and implementing ABC programming and promotional activities;
  - Media Monitors for Australia-wide monitoring and reporting of print and electronic media coverage during 2011 *National Science Week*;
  - Austcover for insurance cover for *National Science Week* State and Territory Coordinating Committees;
  - Shac Communications for development of *National Science Week* style guide;
  - Newspoll for national survey re participation in 2011 *National Science Week* events;
  - IJS Logistics for staging and PA at national launch of 2011 *National Science Week*;
  - Canprint, Explosive Productions, Stickers and Stuff for printing of *National Science Week* materials and promotional collateral for use by state/territory event holders;

- Prodocom for mailout of *National Science Week* materials for state/territory event holders;
- Green Frog Promotions, LogoPro, Carroll and Richardson Flagworld, AFI Branding, Art Works, Atomic Blender, Hobart City Council, Hot Chocolate Productions, Streamline Creative, Bus Advertising, Hardie Grant, APN Outdoor, Launceston City Council for design and development of t-shirts, caps, banners and other promotional collateral as determined by state/territory coordinating committees;
- Media Heads for coordination of personality interviews across Australian radio stations during *National Science Week*;
- David Solomon and Ezio Rizzardo - cash prizes for joint winners of 2011 *Prime Minister's Prize for Science*;
- Min Chen - cash prize for winner of 2011 *Science Minister's Prize for Life Science*;
- Stuart Wyithe - cash prize for winner of 2011 *Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Science*;
- Brooke Topelberg - cash prize for winner of 2011 *Prime Minister's Prize for Primary Teaching*;
- Jane Wright - cash prize for winner of 2011 *Prime Minister's Prize for Secondary Teaching*;
- Royal Australian Mint for adjustment in cost of supply of medallions for future prize winners;
- IHG for catering of 2011 *Prime Minister's Prize Dinner* at Parliament House;
- Bearcage Productions for video production for the 2011 *Prime Minister's Prize Dinner*;
- BDW for event management, audiovisual equipment and staging of *Prime Minister's Prize Dinner*;
- SBX Pty Ltd for display hire for showcasing medals at *Prime Minister's Prize Dinner*;
- Science in Public for development and coordination of media strategy, preparation of citations and video footage for prize winners, support and training for winners to engage with the media;
- Hotel Realm for accommodation of *Prime Minister's Prize* winners;
- Philip Diprose for secretariat services for *Prime Minister's Prizes* selection committees;
- Claxton Speakers for Master of Ceremonies' fee for *Prime Minister's Prizes Dinner*;
- Big Dam for photography services for *Prime Minister's Prizes Dinner*;
- Paragon and Bytes and Colours for printing associated with *Prime Minister's Prizes Dinner*;
- Universal McCann/Media Brands for online advertising associated with the promoting nominations for the *Prime Minister's Prizes*;
- Megabytes Café for catering of selection committee meetings and briefings of *Prime Minister's Prize* Winners;
- Universal Express, Australian Air Express for document freight associated with *Prime Minister's Prizes*;
- Australian Museum for administering two *Eureka* prizes to be awarded in 2012;
- Australian National University National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science for administering a consortium project to implement recommendations of the Expert Working Group report on Developing an Evidence Base;
- University of Western Australia for administering a consortium project to implement recommendations of the Expert Working Group report on Developing an Evidence Base;
- E-Connect for administering two consortium projects, one to implement recommendations of the Expert Working Group report on Developing an Evidence Base, and another to implement recommendations of the Expert Working Group report on Science and the Media;
- Royal Institution of Australia for administering a consortium project to implement recommendations of the Expert Working Group report on Science and the Media, and for costs of hosting a national meeting;

- Science and Technology Australia for administering a consortium project to implement recommendations of the Expert Working Group report on Science and the Media;
- Australian Science Media Centre for administering a consortium project to implement recommendations of the Expert Working Group report on Science and the Media;
- Committee members reimbursement of travel expenses associated with their work on selection committees for Prime Minister's Prizes, grant selection committee for *National Science Week* grants round, and grant selection committees for *Unlocking Australia's Potential* grants round;
- CSIRO Education Victoria, matched by local inputs, to provide resources in the development of Victoria-wide, year-round science engagement activities;
- University of Sydney, matched by local inputs, to provide resources in the development of NSW-wide, year-round science engagement activities;
- University of Tasmania, matched by local inputs, to provide resources in the development of Tasmania-wide, year-round science engagement activities;
- Science & Technology Australia (STA), administered by DIISRTE Research Division under the Higher Education Research Promotion (HERP) component, to support the 2012 Science meets Policymakers event;
- STA, administered by DIISRTE Research Division under the HERP component, to support the 2012 Science meets Parliament event;
- Council of the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS), administered by DIISRTE Research Division under the HERP component, to supporting the 2012 CHASS National Forum;
- Australian Council of Learned Academies (ACoLA), administered by DIISRTE Research Division under the HERP component, to contribute to its expanded role supporting the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council (PMSEIC).

2. There were two competitive grants rounds under the *Inspiring Australia* Program – 2012 *National Science Week* and *Unlocking Australia's Potential*. The breakdown of the successful and unsuccessful application for the grants rounds was as follows:

- *National Science Week* - 142 applications from individuals and organisations. Of these applications, 104 were unsuccessful.
- For the *Unlocking Australia's Potential* - 278 applications from individuals and organisations. Of these applicants, 215 were unsuccessful.