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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Departmental Grants

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: SI-42

Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants since Budget Estimates 2010? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.

Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?

Did the Minister approve each of these grants?

ANSWER

The Department notes that the term 'discretionary grant' is no longer in use and that any 'interim requirements' have been superseded by the requirements detailed in the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines (CGGs) which took effect on 1 July 2009:

Noting the introduction of the CGGs on 1 July 2009, any interim arrangements have been replaced by the requirement that an agency must publish, on its website, information on its individual grants no later than seven working days after the funding agreement for the grant takes effect. There have been some instances where the Department has not met this requirement as there was a delay in the manual collation and publishing of the grant information on the website.

The Department introduced on 1 July 2010 a grants contract module in the Department Financial Information Management System (FMIS) which enables the grant contract information to be captured in the FMIS which has ensured information is collated and published within the require timeframe.

A list of all grants entered into since Budget Estimates 2010 can be found on the Department's website at www.innovation.gov.au .

Of the grants entered into that have been published on the Department's website between 31 May 2010 and 31 October 2010 Senator the Hon Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research was the financial approver for the following grants:

Program	Recipient	Purpose	Value (GST Inclusive)	Date of Agreement	Location
Cooperative Research Centres Program	CIEAM Pty Limited	To conduct collaborative research and education activities. CIEAM will deliver innovative enablers for the economic, environmental and social aspects of managing Australian infrastructure and engineering assets.	\$13,200,000	8/09/2010	Brisbane, QLD, 4000
Cooperative Research Centres Program	Cooperative Research Centre for Advanced Composite Structures Ltd	To conduct collaborative research and education activities. The Cooperative Research Centre for Advanced Composite Structures aims to connect Australian manufacturing, materials supply and engineering support SMEs into international value chains. Its four research programs will bring a range of new technologies to market including breakthrough aircraft structure assembly technology, low-cost infrastructure repair, and sustainable plant-fibre biocomposites.	\$15,400,000	1/07/2010	Fisherma ns Bend, VIC, 3207
Cooperative Research Centres Program	Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre Ltd	The Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre was allocated funding in the 2009 Budget for specific research tasks arising from the experience of the 2009 Victorian bushfires. It will focus on three key research programs (i) Understanding the risk; (ii) Communicating the risk; and (iii) Managing the risk.	\$16,500,000	14/07/2010	East Melbourn e, VIC, 3002
Cooperative Research Centres Program	CRC ORE Ltd	To conduct collaborative research and education activities through the Cooperative Research Centre for Optimising Resource Extraction (COREX). COREX aims to transform the evaluation and extraction of mineral deposits, to significantly enlarge Australia's mineral resource and to generate a more sustainable mining industry. The CRC will achieve this through new methods of characterising, extracting and valuing the ore in the ground.	\$19,250,000	20/07/2010	St Lucia, QLD, 4067
Cooperative Research Centres Program	Environmental Biotechnology CRC Pty Limited	To conduct collaborative research and education activities. The Environmental Biotechnology CRC aims to develop novel advanced biotechnologies for biofilm control, to improve efficiencies and generate useful products from waste management, and for rapid microbial monitoring.	\$4,400,000	28/06/2010	Eveleigh, NSW, 2015
Cooperative Research Centres Program	Vision CRC Limited	To conduct collaborative research and education activities. The Vision Cooperative Research Centre aims to enhance and consolidate Australia's reputation as a world leader in vision care. Myopia, presbyopia, dry eye and cataract currently	\$24,200,000	18/06/2010	Sydney, NSW, 2052

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		affect the quality of life and productivity of 75% of Australians and over two thirds of the world's population. Vision CRC will address these issues and deliver revolutionary vision care products and strategies both in Australia and internationally.			
Geelong Investment and Innovation Fund	EMU (AUS) Pty Ltd	To expand a sheepskin products manufacturing facility.	\$292,979.50	17/8/2010	South Geelong, VIC, 3220
Geelong Investment and Innovation Fund	Southern Star Windows Pty Ltd	Expansion of glass manufacturing facility	\$716,573	1/9/2010	Geelong West, VIC, 3218
Geelong Investment and Innovation Fund	Chemring Australia Pty Ltd	Expansion of countermeasures facility in Lara	\$358,284.30	10/9/2010	Lara, VIC, 3212
South Australian Innovation and Investment Fund and Labour Assistance Package - supplementary funding for Mitsubishi employees	Maxiplas Pty Ltd	Expand Plastics moulding facility to provide injection moulding	\$2,209,211.40	15/7/2010	Regency Park, SA, 5010
South Australian Innovation and Investment Fund and Labour Assistance Package - supplementary funding for Mitsubishi employees	Astec Paints Australasia Pty Ltd	To establish a new specialist coatings manufacturing facility in Adelaide.	\$372,366.50	17/8/2010	St Mary's, SA, 5042
Cooperative Research Centres Program	Wound Management Pty Ltd	To conduct collaborative research and education activities through the Wound Management Innovation Cooperative Research Centre. The Wound Management Innovation CRC aims to improve wound healing and quality of life for people with wounds, and provide cost-effective wound care that lessens the burden on the health system. The CRC will achieve this through improving understanding of the mechanisms of wound healing; developing novel wound products and processes; and translating best practice wound care into clinical	\$30,723,000.	30/06/2010	Kelvin Grove, QLD, 4059

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Automotive Industry Structural Adjustment Program	Autodom Ltd	To strengthen the automotive components supply chain	\$3,970,000 #	27/09/2010	Subiaco WA 6008
Automotive Industry Structural Adjustment Program	Broens Industries Pty Ltd	To strengthen the automotive components supply chain	\$4,500,000 #	14/07/2010	Ingleburn , NSW, 2565

GST is not applicable