Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2012-2013

Cross Portfolio

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Senator Back provided in writing.

Question

Grants

Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details. Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for grant?

Answer

The Department's grants are published on the Department's internet site. The site provides details of grants awarded since 1 January 2009 and is available at the following address: http://deewr.gov.au/grants.

In the financial year 2012–13 to December 2012, the Department published 1092 grants. Eighty per cent of these grants were published within the (now) required 14-day timeframe for reporting under the revised Commonwealth Grant Guidelines.

Details of the amount for the grant pause can be found in the Department's 2012-13 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (Table 1.2 Budget measures). The link is available here: http://deewr.gov.au/portfolio-budget-statements-2012-13. The grants included in the pause were those that address open learning, capital grants and funding for education services as per the statement by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 22 October 2012.