

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2011-2012

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0200_12

Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

Approved Grants

I have a list of approved DEEWR grants during the period of 1 Feb 2011 to 2 May 2011. • Item 17: \$2.9m in Non-Govt Schools National Support went to the Dept of Education and Training – which state and what was that for? • Item 20: \$1.3m in Non-Govt Schools National Support went to the Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development – which state and what was that for? • Item 35: \$947,000 in Non-Govt Schools National Support went to the Victoria Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development – what was that for? • Item 71: \$5.9m in Digital Education Revolution funding went to the NSW Dept of Education and Training – what was this spent on? • Item 236: \$735,750 in Indigenous Employment Support went to the Australian Public Service Commission – what was this for? • How is the funding allocated? • How is it monitored/accounted for? • How is this funding spent – what per cent goes to administration and to the project itself?

Answer

Information regarding grant purpose and grant funding localities on individual grants awarded are available at:

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Department/Publications/Documents/GrantFiles/GrantsAnnouncements.xls>

Grant Reference Numbers corresponding to individual grants listed in the question are detailed below:

- Item 17 – GRN18530
- Item 20 – GRN18529
- Item 35 – GRN18705
- Item 71 – GRN18695
- Item 236 – GRN18450.

Other information with regards to Item 236 (GRN18450) is below:

How is the funding allocated?

Funding for the project is dependent on the uptake of Indigenous traineeships by participants within government agencies. Funding is divided into two streams, one for the direct training for employers and participants, and the other is for employment placement and retention strategies such as developing workplace mentors and the delivery of this mentoring and workplace support.

How is it monitored/accounted for?

The training components of the project are paid on the submission of evidence as to the delivery of the training and participant attendance and a tax invoice.

The employment components are paid on milestones including employment commencement, 26 and 52 weeks employment outcomes and Certificate IV completion. Evidence to support these milestones and a tax invoice are required for the payment.

How is this funding spent – what per cent goes to administration and to the project itself?

Training funds are paid on the delivery of specific training and no administration fees are payable.

The employment placement fees and implementation of retention strategies are paid on employment milestones and the progression in the accreditation of a Cert IV in Government Administration. Approximately 90 per cent of the employment placement fees are to be expended on retention strategies and the remaining is payable for administrative purposes.