

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

DEEWR Question No. EW0560_12

Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

Question

Community Infrastructure Grants – Youth Commitments program deadline

Why did DEEWR twice extend its deadline for applications under the Community Infrastructure Grants – Youth Commitments program, first until the close of business on 10 August 2011 and then for reasons unknown until close of business on 22 August 2011. In relation to each of these extension, please provide copies of any documents in relation to each, including any correspondence between the department, the Minister's office and the Member for Dobell, Craig Thomson.

Answer

The deadline for grant funding applications was initially extended from 5 August 2011 to 10 August 2011 due to problems a proponent was having with the grant application template. The second extension to 22 August 2011 was granted following a request from a project proponent. For the purposes of fairness and consistency, the extension of deadline was granted to all proponents.

There is no correspondence between the Department, the Minister's Office and the Member for Dobell relating to the granting of extensions of the deadline for the receipt of applications.