

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Faulkner asked: Can you point to any other precedents for payment of any other projects like this?

Answer: When the Office of the Status of Women was in the department, there were regular programmes of grant payments, the details of which are available in the relevant annual reports.

Currently, the department makes regular grant payments under three ongoing programmes:

1. the National Security, Science and Technology Programme;
2. the National Australia Day Council; and
3. the Australiana Fund.

The department also makes project-related payments under the National Security, Science and Technology Programme. The grants to the National Australia Day Council are also used to fund specific projects.

The Australia State Coach project in 1988 is also a relevant precedent.