

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

**Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Outcome/Program: 1/1.1**

**Topic: Grant Reporting Requirements**

**Senator: Cormann**

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**Question:**

**Senator Cormann:** You did mention that the ANAO uncovered occasions when a minister awarded a grant against departmental advice. I think there were 11 such occasions. Can a list of these 11 grants be provided or is that secret information?

**Mr Tune:** I think so. I will take that on notice but I think that is okay.

**Answer:** The Commonwealth Grant Guidelines provide that Ministers will report annually to the Finance Minister, by 31 March each year for the preceding calendar year, all instances where they have decided to approve a particular grant which the relevant agency has recommended be rejected.

All 11 instances were compliant with the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines.

Reported instances of grants awarded by Ministers were made available by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 21 March 2012

([http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr\\_mar\\_2012\\_47.html](http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_mar_2012_47.html)).