

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARINGS

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO

Department/Agency: Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Senator: MACDONALD

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Can the department outline the status of local government projects partially or fully funded by the Commonwealth?

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Answer:

The Department has responsibility for the delivery of the following programs which have commenced since the 2007 election:

RLCIP \$250 million Round One:

- 3,220 projects were funded in June 2009,
- 3,213 projects are completed
- 7 projects were unable to proceed.

RLCIP-Strategic Projects \$550 million Round One:

- 137 projects were approved and funded by July 2009,
- 134 have commenced, and
- Projects are expected to be completed by July 2012.
- 15 projects have completed the RLCIP-SP Activity funded by the Commonwealth but include additional activities and further stages funded by other partnership contributions.

RLCIP \$100 million Round Two:

- 1,437 projects were funded by June 2010,
- 1 project was funded in November 2010,
- 1,159 are in progress,
- 278 projects are complete, and
- Projects are to be completed by 31 December 2010

RLCIP-Strategic Projects \$120 million Round Two:

- 46 projects were funded by October 2010 ,
- 2 projects will be paid in November 2010, and
- 13 projects have commenced construction.
- Projects are expected to be completed by June 2011

Better Regions

- 106 projects were approved and funded by 30 June 2010
- 40 projects are complete
- 1 project is unable to proceed
- 65 projects are in progress
- Projects are expected to be completed by 30 June 2011

Jobs Fund – National Bike Path Projects

- 143 projects were approved and funded by October 2009
- 103 projects are complete
- 5 projects were withdrawn
- 35 projects are in progress
- Projects are expected to be completed by 30 June 2011

Jobs Fund – Infrastructure Employment Program

- 5 projects were approved and funded by November 2010
- 3 projects are in progress
- 1 project is yet to be contracted
- Projects are expected to be completed by 30 June 2011

Local Government Reform Fund (LGRF):

- 11 projects have been announced.
- Implementation and Project Plans are currently being negotiated with the States and the Northern Territory.
- \$1 million of the LGRF funding has been set aside for national local government reform projects. To date, three projects worth \$300,000 have been approved and contracted, all of which address the status of women in local government.

Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG):

- The Australian Government provided funding of \$8 million to establish the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG).
- The Centre was opened on 14 December 2009.

These figures are correct as at 9 November 2010.