

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Topic: Discretionary Grants

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

1. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.
2. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.
3. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?

Answer:

1. In accordance with *Finance Circular No. 2009/04* and the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is required to publish, on its website, information about individual grants no later than seven working days after the funding agreement for the grant takes effect. The information published on the department's website includes details of the recipients, intended use and location.

The full listing can be found at <http://www.dpmmc.gov.au/accountability/grants/index.cfm>

2. Please refer to question 1.
3. In 2010-11, the Department did not comply on 21 occasions with interim requirement relating to the publication of grants on its website within 7 days. Details of these grants have been published.

The department is not aware of any instances in the current financial year to 30 September 2011 of non-compliance.