

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government**

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What role do the 55 RDA committees have in advising communities of funding?

Is detailed information of the funding distributed by the RDA committees?

If so, how do they get potential applicants' contact details? Do they have a database or do Local Governments and not-for-profit organisations have to register to receive information and updates?

If so, how do they do this?

**Answer:**

During Round One, RDA committees were not responsible for advising applicants of the outcomes of the assessment process. This was undertaken by the Department via an email, followed by a letter. Successful applicants were also contacted by telephone.

It was not the role of RDA committees to distribute detailed information of the funding outcomes. RDA committees have the same level of access to funding information as the general public.

Information on funding allocation for RDAF Round One, including a list of successful projects, was posted on the Departmental website. A list of the successful projects was also made available to all RDA committees. In addition, the Department provided RDA committees with supporting material on the secure members' area of the RDA website.