

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Topic: Assessment of Successful RDAF Applications

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A group of community organisations in Maldon partnered to form an umbrella group to apply for a RDA grant for their town. They were informally advised by the RDA committee that this approach could be developed as a best practice model in keeping with the Minister's commitment to community connectedness, but were unsuccessful in their application. Can you comment generally on the assessment of favourable applicant structures? Was one type of structure more successful than others Australia-wide? Was this the same for Victoria? And regional areas?

Answer:

There were three types of applicants:

- Sole applicant, not-for-profit organisation;
- Sole applicant, local government body; and;
- Consortium led by an eligible organisation.

Of the successful applicants:

- 13 were sole applicant, not-for-profit organisations
- 18 were sole applicant, local government bodies; and
- 4 were consortiums (all 4 consortia were lead by local government bodies).

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For Victoria:

- 1 was a sole applicant, not-for-profit organisation;
- 3 were sole applicant, local government bodies; and
- 1 was a consortium lead by a local government body.