

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 100**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2011:**

Discretionary Grants

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The following Agencies have not provided any discretionary grants in 2010-11 or in the financial year to date: Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation, Australian Law Reform Commission, Australian Government Solicitor, Australian Human Rights Commission, Crimtrac, High Court of Australia, Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia, Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions and Office of Parliamentary Counsel.

**Attorney-General's Department and Australian Customs and Border Protection**

The information requested in questions a) and b) above is publicly available as the Attorney-General's Department and Australian Customs and Border Protection has complied with reporting requirements required by Finance Circular No. 2009/04 which requires an agency to publish grants information on its website within 7 working days from the date of effect. The web addresses are:

[http://www.ag.gov.au/www/agd/agd.nsf/Page/About\\_the\\_DepartmentGrants?open&query=grants](http://www.ag.gov.au/www/agd/agd.nsf/Page/About_the_DepartmentGrants?open&query=grants).

<http://www.customs.gov.au/site/grants.asp>

The Attorney-General's Department has also complied with the Senate Order Listing requirements for Departmental and Agency Grants. The grants lists are tabled three times a year, no later than 7 days before the commencement of:

- Budget estimates
  - Supplementary budget estimates
  - Additional estimates
- c) The Attorney-General's Department has complied with the requirements for the publication of grants except on a very small number of occasions where grants were published late or the information required for publication was not complete.

Customs and Border Protection has complied with the requirements for the publication of grants.

**Australian Crime Commission**

- a) The ACC, with Victoria Police, is a partner organisation in an Australian Research Council Linkage Project grant to Swinburne University that commenced in 2008. As part of the partner obligations, the ACC has provided cash funds of \$132 000 (including GST) over three years and in-kind contributions with the objective of advancing research being undertaken on the project *Flexible forms of Organising, Management Control Systems and Performance in Organisations Fighting Serious and Organised Crime*. Through partnership in the project, the ACC gains insight into its operations and can leverage off the research to improve its organisation, management control systems and performance as well as contribute to the wider body of knowledge on this issue.
- b) No discretionary grants in 2011-12.
- c) The ACC does not administer the grant and is not required to publish, however action is underway to publish the grant on the ACC website.