

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Australian Sports Commission

Supplementary Budget Estimates 16 October 2012

Question: 135

Topic: Grants programme

Asked By: Senator HEFFERNAN

Type of Question: Written

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1. To date, how much of the 2012-13 budget appropriations has DRALGAS received?
2. For 2012-13 please list each grant program DRALGAS administers, and the total funding of each program.
3. Please list each grant program that has not been paused as part of the Government wide grants pause.
4. Please provide the total cash value of each program that has not been paused?
5. Please list each grant program that has currently been "paused" as part of the Government wide grants pause.
6. Please provide the total cash value of each program that has been paused, and the total value of all grants paused?
7. On what date did DRALGAS receive advice from the government to pause certain grants programs?
8. How was the instruction received, and from whom was it received?
9. Please list the dates the Minister for Finance met with DRALGAS senior department officials to discuss the grants pause and the DRALGAS Minister met with senior department officials
10. From what date was DRALGAS told to implement the grants pause?
11. When did it do so?
12. Has DRALGAS been provided with information regarding when the grants pause would end?
13. If so, what was the date?
14. Was DRALGAS advised if it could communicate when the grants pause would end to grant applicants?
15. Please provide the advice DRALGAS gave to Department of Finance regarding which programs should be included in the grants pause.
16. Did DRALGAS receive advice/instruction from the Department of Finance regarding how best to communicate the grants pause to grant applicants, the media and other external stakeholders?
17. What information has been provided to grant applicants regarding the grants pause? Please provide scripts if these have been given to call centres, or any other information sheets which have been used internally for discussing the grants pause with applicants.
18. Has DRALGAS been advised by the Department of Finance of further grants pauses in the future? If so

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19. When did DRALGAS receive notification of future grants pauses?
20. What is the date of future grants to be paused
21. Which grants programs will be paused?
22. What is total value of pauses in future grants programs?
23. When will notification of these future grants pauses be made public?
24. How many staff are employed to administer grant programs within DRALGAS?
25. During the Grants Pause what activities are these staff involved with?
26. Have staff been moved to other divisions during the grants pause?
27. During the Grants Pause are decisions on grants being made, but applicants not being alerted?

Answer:

1. Appropriation information is reported in the 2012-13 Portfolio Budget Statements of individual agencies. Appropriation information will be updated in the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements.
2. Information on grants awarded by individual agencies (including grant programs) is published on agencies' websites. Guidelines and information on rounds of grant programs are also generally published on agencies' websites. Information on agency funding including grants can be found in the 2012-13 Portfolio Budget Statements.
3. On 27 August 2012, the Government decided to pause all grant rounds for 2012-13 which were not advertised, and advertised rounds which were not finalised. Providing the list of grant programs that were not paused could disclose the Expenditure Review Committee of Cabinet's deliberations and therefore is not publicly available.
However, information on grant programs, in general, can be found on agencies' websites.
Information on the outcome of the grants pause is reported in the 2012-13 MYEFO, and in the Finance Minister's media release of 22 October 2012.
4. Refer answer 3). Information on the grants pause is reported in the 2012-13 MYEFO, and in the Finance Minister's media release of 22 October 2012.
5. Refer answer 3). Information on the grant programs that had uncommitted grants funding reduced can be found in the Finance Minister's media release of 22 October 2012.
6. Refer answer 3).
7. On 28 August 2012 the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) released an Estimate Memorandum informing portfolio departments of the grants pause and sought information on grant rounds and programs in 2012-13 which were not advertised, and advertised rounds which were not finalised.
8. Refer answer 7).
9. Not applicable.
10. On 28 August 2012 the Department of Finance and Deregulation released and Estimate Memorandum informing agencies of the decision by the Government to pause grant rounds.

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11. The grant pause was implemented as per the decision of the Government.
12. The pause on grant programs ended with the release of the 2012-13 MYEFO. The outcome of the Government's decision was reported in the 2012-13 MYEFO and the Finance Minister's media release of 22 October 2012.
13. Refer answer 12).
14. Agencies were advised on 22 October 2012 they could communicate the end of the grants pause.
15. The information Departments provided to Finance included grant rounds, committed funds, purpose of the grant and recipients of the grants. This information informed the briefing to the Cabinet's Expenditure Review Committee and therefore is not publicly available.
16. Finance provided standard talking points to all Portfolios Departments to use as necessary.
17. In relation to the AASC grants the following 'script' was provided: "the Federal Government currently has requested that we await further advice before any action on grant applications"
18. No.
19. Not applicable.
20. Not applicable.
21. Not applicable.
22. Not applicable.
23. Not applicable.
24. 14 employees are engaged by the ASC to administer grants.
25. The grant pause primarily affected the AASC grant program for semester 1 and 2 of 2013. During the grant pause the two employees were preparing an alternative work program to address the changed assessment dates should the grant pause be lifted, as a contingency. In addition employees were engaged in a review of the grants system.
26. No.
27. No.

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Topic: Staff Recruited 2012-13

Asked By: Senator HEFFERNAN

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1. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?
2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?
3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer:

1. During the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 the ASC recruited 9 ongoing employees of the following classification:

ASC Classification Grade	Headcount
ASC8	1
ASC6	2
ASC5	3
ASC4	1
ASC3	2
Total	9

2. As at 30 September 2012 the ASC had 292 non-ongoing FTE of the following classification:

ASC Classification Grade	FTE
ASC8	3.0
ASC7	7.0
ASC6	20.5
ASC5	37.0
ASC4	164.8
ASC3	16.1
COACH	43.6
Total	292.0

During the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012, one non-ongoing FTE has been created with an ASC Grade 5 classification.

3. During the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 the ASC employed 20 contract (fixed term) employees with an average employment period of 54 weeks.

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Question: 137

Topic: Staff Departed 2011-12

Asked By: Senator HEFFERNAN

Type of Question: Written

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1. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?
2. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?
3. How many contract staff left department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?

Answer:

1. During the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 the ASC had 45 ongoing employees, of the following classification, cease employment:

ASC Classification Grade	Headcount
EXEC	1
ASC8	2
ASC7	6
ASC6	5
ASC5	9
ASC4	7
ASC3	10
ASC2	5
Total	45

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2. During the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 the ASC had 80 non-ongoing employees, of the following classification, cease employment:

ASC Classification Grade	Headcount
EXEC	1
ASC7	2
ASC6	6
ASC5	14
ASC4	44
ASC3	4
ASC2	1
COACH	8
Total	80

3. The ASC does not differentiate between non-ongoing employees and contract employees and as such records them identically in the Human Resources Information System. Refer to question 2.

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Topic: Staff Recruited 2011-12

Asked By: Senator HEFFERNAN

Type of Question: Written

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1. How many ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?
2. How many non-ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?
3. How many contract staff left were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? What is the average length of their employment period?

Answer:

1. During the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 the ASC recruited 21 ongoing employees of the following classification:

ASC Classification Grade	Headcount
ASC8	1
ASC7	3
ASC6	5
ASC5	1
ASC4	2
ASC3	5
ASC2	3
ASC1	1
Total	21

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2. During the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 the ASC recruited 53 non-ongoing employees with the following classification and average length of employment term:

ASC Classification Grade	Headcount	Average Length of Contract (Weeks)
EXEC	2	243
ASC7	1	47
ASC6	2	83
ASC5	7	100
ASC4	27	94
ASC3	8	83
ASC2	2	61
COACH	4	84
Total	53	95

3. The ASC does not differentiate between non-ongoing employees and contract employees and as such records them identically in the Human Resources Information System. Refer to question 2.

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Topic: Plans for Staff Reduction

Asked By: Senator HEFFERNAN

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1. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.
2. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

Answer:

1 & 2.

As reported in the 2012-13 Budget papers, the Australian Sports Commission's average staffing level reduces by 17 in 2012-13 from 735 in 2011-12. This is due to high performance programs at completion and the provision of one-off expenditure in 2011-12.

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Topic: Making the Public Service more efficient

Asked By: Senator HEFFERNAN

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1. Please detail how the department/agency will achieve savings over the forward estimates through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 (http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html)).

In addition, please provide the following detail:

2. How will reductions in air travel spending be achieved? What is the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
3. What restrictions will be implemented for business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
4. How will the use of external consultants and contractors be reduced? How will this impact on the Department/agency? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
5. How will the department/agency manage moving recruitment advertising online? Will all future recruitment advertisement be online only? If not, explain why. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
6. How will printing costs be reduced? Explain if and how the department/agency will reduce its printing costs by five per cent, or if it will not, why not? How will it be determined what documents will no longer be printed? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?

Answer:

Not applicable to the Australian Sports Commission.

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Topic: Recruitment Costs

Asked By: Senator HEFFERNAN

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1. How much was spent on recruitment advertising in 2011-12? How much of this was spent online and how much of this was spent on print advertising?
2. Please list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media.
3. How much has been spent on recruitment advertising this financial year to date?
4. How much of this was spent online and how much of this was spent on print advertising?
5. Please list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media.

Answer:

1. During the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 the ASC spent the following on recruitment advertising:

Type	\$
Online media	\$12,349.00
Print media	\$47,192.38
Total	\$59,541.38

2. During the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 the ASC listed recruitment activity with the following newspapers and online sites:
 - Newspapers: The Canberra Times; the Weekend Australian; and various state metropolitan and regional papers.
 - Online: APS Jobs Gazette; Seek.com.au; Sportspeople.com.au; and various industry journals and websites, including educationjobs.com.au, the Australian Psychological Society and the Dietitians Association of Australia.

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3. The ASC has spent a total of \$15,392.60 on recruitment advertising during the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012.
4. During the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012, the ASC spent the following on recruitment advertising:

Type	\$
Online media	\$7,020.00
Print media	\$8,372.60
Total	\$15,392.60

5. During the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 the ASC listed recruitment activity with the following newspapers and online sites:
 - Newspapers: The Canberra Times and various state metropolitan and regional papers.
 - Online: APS Jobs Gazette; Seek.com.au; Sportspeople.com.au; and various industry journals and websites, including educationjobs.com.au, the Australian Psychological Society and the Australian Human Resources Institute.

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Topic: Printing Costs

Asked By: Senator HEFFERNAN

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1. How much was spent on printing 2011-12? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents?
2. How many documents (include the amount of copies) were printed in 2011-12? How many of these printed documents were also published online?
3. Of the documents that were printed in 2011-12, where were they delivered and what was the cost?
4. How much has been spent on printing this financial year to date? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents?
5. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?

Answer:

1. \$215,597. Of this amount \$180,719 was for printing documents.
2. 110, comprising 338,942 copies. Of this amount 12 were also published online.
3. Distribution generally is to the Parliamentary library, the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Library Deposit service, the Parliamentary Press Gallery, the Tabling Office, Parliamentary Binding and the ASC offices. Cost of delivery is generally incorporated into the cost of quote and in other cases delivery is completed by an ASC employee.
4. \$25,426 (to 30 September 2012). Of this amount \$23,518 was for printing documents.
5. 18, comprising 37,736 copies. None of these documents were published online.

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Topic: Graduate Recruitment 2013

Asked By: Senator HEFFERNAN

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1. How much has been spent on 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.
2. Has any travel been incurred for 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.

Answer:

1 & 2. The ASC does not operate a graduate program.

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Topic: Graduate Recruitment Training 2013

Asked By: Senator HEFFERNAN

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How much is estimated to be spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training is to be provided, why and the estimated cost for each.

Answer:

The ASC does not operate a graduate program.