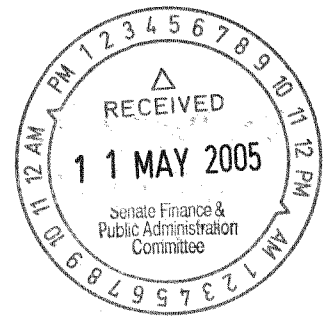




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Department of Transport and Regional Services



Senator Michael Forshaw
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Dear Senator Forshaw

I refer to my advice at the hearings of your Committee on 10 February that the data provided on 1 February 2005 on all approved, not approved and withdrawn projects under the Regional Partnerships (RP) and Sustainable Regions Programme was incorrect.

Please find enclosed revised data for these programmes for all applications considered up to 31 December 2004. All data has now been checked back to original hardcopy documents on the Department's files. Also included is a revised table showing the spread of RP applications (DOTARS Submission to the Inquiry, page 19).

To assist the Committee, all data that has been changed since that provided on 1 February is highlighted with yellow shading. Projects which originated under RP's predecessor programs are now marked as such, and the word "Legacy" has been included in the date of application lodgement to indicate that the original application was made prior to RP commencing. In updating the information the Department became aware of some projects that had:

- been approved, not approved or withdrawn prior to 31 December 2004; or
- incorrectly been assigned to one list and needed to be transferred to a more appropriate listing.

Those items were either not included in the previous data or were included in the wrong sheet. This information has now been corrected in the spreadsheets and it has been noted on the spreadsheet where a project has been removed. Projects appearing on the spreadsheet for the first time are fully highlighted in yellow.

The Department has standardised across the two programmes the regional classification of each project. Projects for both programmes are now classified using the Australian Electoral Commission's electorate demographic rating system.

As requested by the Committee, the reasons that projects had not been approved have now been included on the relevant spreadsheets.

I would like to apologise for the delay in providing the revised data.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Yuile', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Yuile
Deputy Secretary

29 April 2005

Equity of Funding - Regional Partnerships programme

Also includes projects funded under the Namoi Valley Structural Adjustment Package

Includes all projects as at Dec 31 2004

Analysis by Remoteness Class / location

Remoteness Class	Party	Electoralates (pre 2004 election)	All applications		Approved		Not-approved		Withdrawn		In Progress		Project approvals (by party and location)	Funding approvals (by party and location)
			projects	\$ (bids)	projects	\$ (approved)	projects	\$ (bids)	projects	\$ (bids)	projects	\$ (bids)		
Inner Metropolitan	ALP	26	42	4,599,334	21	2,168,628	4	569,915	7	1,237,579	10	623,212	84%	79%
	Coalition	17	21	2,383,273	9	1,488,656	5	354,567	5	275,385	2	264,667	64%	81%
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
	Subtotal		43	63	6,982,607	30	3,657,284	9	924,482	12	1,512,964	12	887,879	77%
Outer Metropolitan	ALP	24	54	7,433,041	20	2,381,319	11	1,442,414	11	2,251,943	12	1,283,666	65%	62%
	Coalition	21	37	8,962,970	21	5,374,685	10	2,240,678	1	21,835	5	1,323,410	68%	71%
	Other	1	6	548,537	2	247,940	2	156,664	1	106,322	1	34,641	-	-
	Subtotal		46	97	16,944,548	43	8,003,944	23	3,839,756	13	2,380,100	18	2,641,717	65%
Provincial	ALP	8	67	12,542,362	35	7,510,626	6	859,815	12	1,425,600	14	2,123,923	85%	90%
	Coalition	8	44	8,041,471	19	3,162,226	7	2,233,671	9	593,297	9	2,027,767	73%	59%
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
	Subtotal		16	111	20,583,833	54	10,672,852	13	3,093,486	21	2,018,897	23	4,151,690	81%
Rural	ALP	6	46	10,141,788	20	6,465,151	6	734,140	10	2,062,336	10	877,513	77%	90%
	Coalition	36	693	149,392,396	326	55,161,171	95	16,874,203	105	33,719,216	167	40,755,404	77%	77%
	Other	3	54	41,775,718	23	14,608,667	7	958,221	8	4,890,415	16	11,406,930	-	-
	Subtotal		45	793	201,309,902	369	76,234,990	108	18,566,564	123	40,671,967	193	53,039,847	77%
Multiple electorate/class	Various	-	5	7,919,771	5	12,195,471	0	0	0	0	0	0	100%	100%
Australia wide	Various	-	2	14,165,800	2	12,892,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	100%	100%
TOTAL		150	1,071	267,906,461	503	123,656,940	153	26,424,288	169	46,583,928	246	60,721,133	77%	82%

Analysis by electorate - all locations

Party	Electoralates (pre 2004 election)	All applications		Approved		Not-approved		Withdrawn		In Progress		Project approvals (by party)	Funding approvals (by party)
		projects	\$ (bids)	projects	\$ (approved)	projects	\$ (bids)	projects	\$ (bids)	projects	\$ (bids)		
ALP	64	209	34,716,525	96	18,525,724	27	3,606,284	40	6,977,458	46	4,908,314	78%	84%
Coalition	82	795	168,780,110	375	65,186,738	117	21,703,119	120	34,609,733	183	44,371,248	76%	75%
Other	4	60	42,324,255	25	14,856,607	9	1,114,885	9	4,996,737	17	11,441,571	74%	93%
Various	-	7	22,085,571	7	25,087,871	0	0	0	0	0	0	100%	100%
TOTAL	150	1,071	267,906,461	503	123,656,940	153	26,424,288	169	46,583,928	246	60,721,133	77%	82%

NOTES

* "All Applications" amount bid column is not equal to the sum of "Approved" amount approved, "Not Approved" amount bid, "Withdrawn" amount bid and "In Progress" amount bid. This is because for "Approved" the amount shown is that approved by the Minister. This is often not the same as the bid submitted by the applicant. "All Applications" includes the amount bid for all projects.

* Electorate analysis is based on electorate at time of application.