



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
4 November 2019

Asked by Caroline Le Couteur MLA:

In relation to:

MS LE COUTEUR: Okay. This will be a question on notice, I am fairly confident. Could you provide us with a list of the grants over the last four years, including the grant amount, grant period and the industry sector?

Mr Barr: Under PIP?

MS LE COUTEUR: Yes.

Mr Barr: It has not been around for four years, but—

MS LE COUTEUR: Okay, this was the first year, was it?

Mr Barr: Yes.

MS LE COUTEUR: Okay. Well, in that case, for the first year, although he said there were only four, but I think you should take it on notice probably, rather than—

Mr Barr: Sure. Sure.

Mr Kelly: Yes, we can do that.

ANDREW BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The grant funding outcomes from the 2018-19 round of the Priority Investment Program were as follows:



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A. Projects funded in the competitive round

	Sector	Project description	Total grant amount	Grant period
1	Agri-Technology sector	Grant was awarded to the ANU/CSIRO Centre for Entrepreneurial Agri-Technology, an emerging Agri-Technology Innovation Hub which is home to several innovative agri-tech companies that have co-located at the Centre to access the ANU and CSIRO's capabilities. The Centre will broaden its scope and build an innovation ecosystem where research and technology is targeted to agricultural challenges independent of traditional discipline boundaries.	\$1.3 million	3 years
2	Renewable energy sector	Grant was awarded to ITP Renewables Pty Ltd which will collaborate with industry and the tertiary sector to establish a Distributed Energy Resources Laboratory at the ANU that will provide interface with the energy grid to test devices and get data about how energy networks function. The facility will enable industry, researchers, and network and market operators to research and develop hardware and software technologies that monitor, control and coordinate distributed electrical generation, storage and demand response assets.	\$1.5 million	3 years
3	Space sector	Grant was awarded to the ANU to develop capability at Mt Stromlo for secure high-speed optical communications between orbiting spacecraft and the ground, an Australian first, which will enable participation in existing global communications networks and attract international business and world leading research groups for optical communications to space.	\$0.8 million	3 years
4	Space sector	Grant was awarded to Skykraft, a UNSW Canberra spin out company that will collaborate with local and international partners to design and manufacture small satellite constellations for the delivery of space-based air traffic management services, a global niche market that has considerable export potential.	\$1.0 million	2 years



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B. Other projects funded from Priority Investment Program

	Sector	Project description	Total grant amount	Grant period
1	Cyber Security sector	Grant was allocated to AustCyber to deliver the Canberra Cyber Security Innovation Node.	\$0.6 million	3 years
2	Space sector	Funding was committed to UNSW Canberra as part of the Collaborative Research Centres Smart Satellites (SmartSat) bid*.	\$1.0 million	7 years

*The SmartSat Collaborative Research Centre (CRC) bid has been successful and the ACT Government is currently in contract negotiations with the CRC.

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Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Andrew", written over a horizontal line.

Date: 11.11.19

By the Minister for Trade, Industry and Investment

