

NSW GOVERNMENT GRANTS ADMINISTRATION Performance Audit

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The audit

The audit will assess how NSW government agencies administer grants. Grants are important because over one fifth (\$10 billion) of general government expenditure in 2006-07 was spent in the form of grants.

We aim to answer the following questions:

- ◇ are grants programs aligned to government priorities?
- ◇ are grants allocated appropriately?
- ◇ are grants achieving results?

To answer these questions we will look at the allocation of grants between 2002-03 and 2006-07 and survey grant recipients including councils, shires and non-government organisations.

We will also examine a number of environmental grants in more detail.

We are not looking at subsidies, rebates and programs that only move funds between NSW government agencies.

Audit progress

During audit planning we consulted with the Department of Premiers and Cabinet, Treasury, ICAC, Ombudsman, the Australian National Audit Office, the Department of the Environment and Climate Change, the Local Government and Shires Association and NCOSS.

We have commenced our fieldwork and will conduct the survey electronically in April-May.

We will table our report in Parliament in October 2008.

Your involvement

Identifying the experience of grant recipients will be an important source of evidence for the audit.

We'd like to hear your views today, but time is limited.

To give you a fuller opportunity to express your views, we invite you to complete the survey which we will conduct in April-May. We are finalising the survey tool in consultation with stakeholders and will engage an independent research firm, to conduct it on behalf of the Office.

Your responses will be treated as CONFIDENTIAL. Your completed questionnaire will only be seen by a small number of staff from our research firm and the Audit Office. The results of the survey will be presented in collated form in the Audit Office's report to Parliament so that identification of individuals will not be possible.



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