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Dear Mr Mitchell

Thank you for your email of 9 February 2022 to the Hon Dan Tehan MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment regarding the Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) scheme. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf. I note that I responded to your earlier letter on the same subject on 16 February 2022.

The EMDG scheme is an entitlement program meaning all eligible applicants will receive a grant. The EMDG Guidelines 2021–22 clearly state that grant amounts will be allocated based on eligibility and demand and be set within the limits of the available funds. It appears information provided by some grant writing businesses has resulted in applicants inaccurately believing they would receive grants equal to the maximum legislated tier caps.

Decisions about the allocation of grant funds in any year are matters for the Minister and no decisions relating to the questions raised in your letter have yet been made.

Austrade has previously responded to your question regarding a grant round for 2022–23. The timing for the grant round opening will be advised when decided. I encourage you to continue to monitor the Austrade website at austrade.gov.au/emdg for the latest information about the EMDG program. You can also sign up to the EMDG newsletter at the same link for information delivered directly to your inbox.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to the Minister's attention. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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