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Dear Mr Mitchell

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Round 4 of the Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) program.

The Government is committed to supporting Australian exporters, and we have worked hard to ensure that EMDG continues to deliver for exporting businesses. Following extensive reviews and consultation, recent changes are delivering larger, more meaningful grants.

Austrade is assessing applications in the order of receipt. Grants are allocated to eligible applicants subject to demand in each tier up to the limit of the overall available funding, ensuring that grant sizes are impactful for businesses, ranging from \$20,000 up to \$80,000.

We understand your disappointment on behalf of Tier 2 businesses who may have missed out on submitting an application. Austrade has provided sustained communication on program changes since Round 4 details were announced in August 2024, and is happy to provide you regular updates on the status of EMDG Round 4.

I appreciate you taking the time to outline your concerns and encourage you to continue working with Austrade on these matters.

Yours sincerely

DON FARREL