

Statement of authenticity of the data linked to and regarding the “Rorts Central” webpage on the www.thevogfiles.com website.

Introduction.

The “Rorts Central” webpage shows a graphic description of the Grants schemes by the Australian Government between Sept 2013 and July 2021 and which have been analysed by the owner of the web domain, Vince O’Grady. Vince is a retired Business executive with tertiary qualifications in business majoring in Marketing. In Vince’s previous life in the UK he was a policeman in the industrial West Midlands.

Both his police role and various Senior Product Management and Product Marketing roles required Vince to gather and to present evidence, firstly of wrongdoing and secondly as data for decision making and finally analysis.

In this webpage and as author of this web page Vince has taken that approach.

The “Rorts Central” webpage is linked to another page called “Spreadsheet Sleuth”. In that page each Government grant which appears on the “Rorts Central” graphic has a spreadsheet Summary attached to it. These spreadsheets are the evidence which show that the claim of rorting is **True** and **Correct**.

Methodology of Analysis.

Also on the webpage “Spreadsheet Sleuth” is a comprehensive document which explains how Vince commenced his Analysis and the steps he took to build a tool to make that analysis so much easier.

The Data sources.

There are two sources of data for the analysis.

1/ Grants data before 2018 is held on governments departmental website pages.

2/ Data from 1 Jan 2018 is held on a Central Government Portal called GrantConnect.

<https://www.grants.gov.au/>

So all of the raw data used in the analysis of these grants programs is Government Data.

The Analysis approach.

Apart from the Sports Infrastructure grants, where the Analysis was done manually over 4 days. The rest of the grants programs shown have access to postcode in Australia only. They do not have access to the Electorate where they were granted.

With an IT professional (retired) Vince undertook to build a Master file of Postcodes and Electorates, which matched electorates and postcodes. After a week of very hard work, Vince had completed the master file, which now contained 17,500 Postcodes and which showed the pairing of those postcodes with Electorates. Other information in this master file was the Sitting member at the 2019 federal election, the political Party, and the margin they won the seat by.

Analysis of the Government Data.

All the Government data is provided in excel spreadsheet format and output is based on search criteria input by the user of the Government portal.

Vince took the approach to download all the Government grants for Calendar Years from Grant Connect and Individual spreadsheets for Grants from Departmental websites for data before 2018.

The data in the downloaded spreadsheet for each year was comprehensive and also contained all the grant programs and all the Government departments.

Utilising the powerful analytical tools which exist in Microsoft Excel, Vince did the following

1/ Added a data filter to each Column in the government data.

This allows the user to choose one or more parameters to search by in the drop down menu at the top of each column.

2/ Vince added four new columns to the spreadsheet and labelled them Electorate, Political Party, Sitting member and margin won by (at the 2019 federal Election)

3/ Vince then used the powerful "vlookup" facility in excel to compare the Postcode in the Government generated data with his master file and to return the Electorate for each individual grant. This was also done to with Political party, sitting member and margin information.

4/ Vince then did an analysis of each of the 151 seats in the Australian Parliament and summed their results in a Summary file for each grants type.

This Analysis work has been going on for over a year.

5/ Once the Analysis was complete and the proportion of Total Grant spend for an individual grant (as depicted on the Rort Central Graphic) was done, the proportion allocated to each individual Political party was compiled.

6/ In most cases a description of the Grant Scheme was written up and posted on the "Spreadsheet Sleuth" webpage as well as a pie chart showing the misallocation of funds.

7/ All of the Summary Spreadsheets (containing the evidence of misappropriation of taxpayer funds) are available for download by members who join the site.

Membership is free and confidential and was chosen so that political opportunists (Trolls) would have to identify themselves (with an email address) before viewing the data.

Conclusion and further Independent Evidence.

The Author, Owner and the Publisher of the Data (as well as The Website provider) have utilised this scientific approach to check to make sure that the data presented is accurate and correct and truthful in every regard.

This is not a political follower making up political stories about political opponents. This is a serious examination of misuse of public money in Australia.

Further Independent Evidence

In the Australian Government hierarchy, there is a position called Auditor General. This is an Independent Statutory body, which is free to Audit any government scheme which they think may be contravening the Government's own rules and guidelines and/or where applicable Acts of Parliament.

Two of the Grants schemes shown in the Rorts Central Graphic have been audited by the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO). They are

- 1/ The Sports Infrastructure Grant Scheme and
- 2/ The Car Park Congestion Fund. (Commuter Car park)

The ANAO reports on these two schemes were very critical of the process and can be downloaded and read from this site.

<https://www.anao.gov.au/pubs>

Following the publication of the Sports infrastructure fund (dubbed Sports Rorts by the Australian press) a Senate Select committee was set up to enquire further into this scheme.

Their report can be downloaded here.

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Administration_of_Sports_Grants/AdminSportsGrants

Please note that the Author of the "Rorts Central" webpage made a lengthy and detailed submission to this enquiry. Submission 52. That submission contained information about the Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream, which is also a graphic on the "Rorts Central" webpage.

That report was scathing of the Processes and allocation of funds to Sporting clubs.

Further to this Submissions 14 and 16 are Submissions from well respected University Professors and experts in Australian Constitutional law whose submissions question the legality of the Scheme.

