

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Variations in Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements

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Senator Louise Pratt asked:

In respect of the items listed as 'movements of funds' (net decrease) in Table 1.3 on page 24 of the 2016/17 PAES - Is the figure in brackets for 2016/17 of 19,378 a reduction of roughly \$19 million? If so, what are the reasons for this? Is this money simply being moved forward into future years? If there is expected to be an 'underspend' on these programs in 2016/17, why was the estimate increased substantially at the 2016/17 Budget in May 2016?

Answer:

Yes, the figure in brackets for 2016-17 is a reduction of \$19,378 million. This relates to the original \$100 million allocation to the Department of Social Services in the 2016-17 Budget for the Third Action Plan of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022*. These funds were originally allocated as \$33.333 million per annum over three years (2016-2019).

As a result of a decision by the Government, the \$100 million has been re-profiled across the forward estimates and allocations have now been made to the agencies directly responsible for implementing the measures.

The Department does not expect an underspend for this initiative in 2016-17.