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Topic: Training Funding

Senator DASTYARI, Sam asked:

Senator DASTYARI: I should know the answer to this and I do not, so my apologies. When is the envelope for your three-year training funding up again?

Mr Pendleton: We are in the first year of the new training.

Senator DASTYARI: From my understanding of the funding that expired it was \$1 million a year for this program.

Mr Pendleton: I would have to check. It was done between trienniums and it was a grant of funds that was applied for for the *Splash* program.

Senator DASTYARI: Do you know what the grant was off the top of your head?

Mr Pendleton: I would have to check.

Senator DASTYARI: I have got \$1 million a year here. Does that sound about right?

Ms Guthrie: I think we will take that on notice to be specific.

Mr Pendleton: I can take it on notice. It was spent over a longer period. It was slower to get out

the door and there was cash left over towards the end of it.

Answer:

Funding for the *Splash* program was approved in the 2011-12 Federal Budget and included operational funding of \$9.7 million (\$3.2m for each of the first two years and \$3.3m in the third year). The amount has been spent in full.