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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: I am happy for you take this on notice because it might need a little bit of further information. Can you provide us with information on the remaining funding agreement milestones, the value of those associated funds and the expected time frame for the completion?

Ms Lynch: Yes, I am happy to take that on notice.

Answer:

The Suburban Jobs Programme runs until 2014-15. The table below details the funding remaining for the remaining financial years. Milestones for project deliverables and associated payments are set out in each project funding agreement. The Department releases funding on receipt and approval of milestone achievements. Milestones include a range of components such as signed tenancy agreements, submission of research reports and construction milestones.

Capital works for all three Suburban Jobs projects are expected to be completed in early 2015. The City of Melton has commenced groundwork on site, the University of Western Sydney has also commenced construction and the City of Playford is in the final stages of the design process, with construction to commence in early 2014.

Remaining funding per project per year is as follows:

Proponent	2013-14	2014-15
City of Melton	\$4,878,000	\$2,000,000
University of Western Sydney	\$5,000,000	\$3,500,000
City of Playford	\$5,000,000	\$3,236,000
Total \$ remaining	\$14,878,000	\$8,736,000