

Broad dot points from the perspective of the whole program and the Secretariat. Some key points will be that:

- Individual units do not receive funding for policy and law reform from PM&C.
- As a result, cuts will have direct impact on frontline services, as there is nowhere else to take funding from.
- The Secretariat receives some funding for capacity building and related activities. This is only a small portion of the proposed cuts so frontline services in individual units will be impacted.
- Units are already under resourced. Communities are already under serviced. Reductions in service delivery will directly impact on access to justice for Aboriginal victims/survivors of family violence (the majority of whom are women and children). For the majority (if not all units), a 7.4% reduction in staff numbers will make it extremely difficult (or impossible) to provide quality services to existing clients and to communities who have developed trust and expectation in their services.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss or to share your thoughts via email.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE POLICY AND ADVOCACY BUDGET BREAKDOWN

	2013-14 Budget \$m	2014-15 Estimate \$m	2015-16 Estimate \$m	2016-17 Estimate \$m	4 year total \$m
Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islanders Legal Services					
\$ change	0.18	1.641	6.036	5.484	13.341
% change	0.24%	2.16%	8.30%	7.49%	4.50%
Community Legal Services					
\$ change	0.875	3.499	7.623	7.621	19.618
% change	1.88%	7.54%	16.20%	15.97%	10.45%
ECCCF					
\$ change	3.5	1	0.999	0.999	6.498
% change	32.46%	26.70%	26.21%	25.74%	29.24%
SUB TOTAL (3 AGD Legal Assistance programs)					
\$ change	4.555	6.14	14.658	14.104	39.457
% change	1.31%	1.78%	4.42%	4.19%	2.90%
Family Violence Prevention Legal Services (appropriation held by PM&C)					
\$ change	0	0.366	1.646	1.645	3.657
% change	0.00%	1.71%	7.43%	7.37%	4.21%
LEGAL ASSISTANCE TOTAL (all 4 programs)					
\$ change	4.555	6.506	16.304	15.749	43.114
% change	1.24%	1.77%	4.61%	4.38%	2.98%