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Question:

An email shared with Labor by the Office for Women (9 February 2017) about the Minister's decision on the recommendations of the KPMG Review in the National Alliances said: The Minister has asked us to preserve a bucket of WLDS funding (around \$50,000 annually) for the procurement of services and projects that will support collaborative work in this space between disability advocacy groups and the Women's Alliances. We will work closely with the Alliances in order to identify and develop potential projects and partners.

- a) For how many years will the \$50,000 annual funding be provided?
- b) Will the first \$50,000 be allocated in the 2016-17 or 2017-18 financial year?
- c) When will this funding be allocated by?
- d) What will the process be for allocating this funding?
- e) Will the funding be delivered through a competitive grants round? If so, when will the grants round open and when will funding be distributed by?
- f) Will the funding be delivered through the usual Women's Leadership and Development Strategy Grants application process? If so, will any further guidelines be provided by the Office for Women about the nature of 'services and projects' to be procured?

Answer:

- a) The funding will be provided for three years to align with the National Women's Alliance funding.
- b) The first \$50,000 will be allocated in the 2017-18 financial year.
- c) The funding will be allocated before the end of the 2017-18 financial year.

- d), e) The method and timing for allocating funding has not been determined. The grant process will be in accordance with the relevant grant guidelines and the Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines.
- f) The funding will be allocated under the Women's Leadership and Development Strategy grant guidelines.