

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

**Program:** 1.2 AGD Operating Expenses - National Security and Criminal Justice

**Question No. SBE16/028**

**Senator Lambie asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2016:**

Senator LAMBIE: What funding does the Australian government provide for initiatives aimed at eliminating human trafficking and slavery?

Senator Brandis: This is an issue in which the Australian government, of course, takes a very close interest and we have very strong laws in relation to the matter. In relation to actual funding, I might ask the officials responsible for this area to respond because they are probably in a better position than me to give you the particulars of programs. Ms Close, perhaps.

Ms Close: I do have some details of that, but if I could just take it on notice I will find those details for you.

Senator LAMBIE: I will liaise with you because I imagine this will carry on. But in connection with that question, how many programs does the government fund to combat human trafficking and slavery in Australia.

Ms Close: I will take that on notice.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The Government has committed more than \$150 million to initiatives aimed at eliminating human trafficking and slavery since the Commonwealth's whole-of-government strategy to combat human trafficking and slavery was established in 2004. This funding supports a range of measures, including specialist Australian Federal Police investigative teams, a dedicated support program for victims, international assistance, and visa frameworks for victims of human trafficking and slavery.