

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

Program: 1.4 Justice Services

Question No. SBE16/117

Senator Macdonald asked the following question at the hearing on 12 December 2016:

CHAIR: This was the national partnership agreement that was signed on 1 July '15 is it?

Ms Bogaart: Yes.

CHAIR: You said the funding to the legal aid commissions has increased—is that correct?

Ms Bogaart: That is correct.

CHAIR: What is the increase? You can take that on notice.

Ms Bogaart: Yes, I will take that on notice. I will find it while we are here.

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

Under the *National Partnership Agreement on Legal Assistance Services 2015-2020* (the Agreement), Commonwealth funding to legal aid commissions increases by \$11.991 million (17.34%) over the five years of the Agreement.