

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2015 - 16, 3 March 2016**

**Ref No:** SQ16-000263

**OUTCOME:** 10 – Sport and Recreation

**Topic:** Funding for Paralympic Sport

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Peris, Nova

**Question:**

Can the Department provide figures for the total investment in Paralympic sports in each of the NSO Investment Allocation announcements of 2013-14, 14-15 and 15-16 and the reason for any change in this funding allocation?

**Answer:**

2013-14 – \$10,226,250 Para Sports

2013-14 - \$3,475,750 dAIS

**TOTAL - \$13,702,000**

2014-15 - \$10,380,728 Para Sports

2014-15 - \$3,686,300 dAIS

**TOTAL - \$14,067,028**

2015-16 - \$10,380,728 Para Sports

2015-16 - \$3,990,520 dAIS\*

**TOTAL - \$14,371,248\*\***

High performance investment to Paralympic sports is determined on an annual basis and based on the Paralympic sport's ability to contribute to our *Winning Edge* targets. As a result, funding to these sports may change when there is an upward or downward shift in the performance profile of the sport. For example, in 2014-15, \$175,000 was withdrawn from Paralympic Football as the performance profile of the sport suggested it was unlikely to qualify for the 2016 Paralympic Games and \$150,000 was provided to Paralympic Winter based on performance profile for the 2018 Winter Games.

For athletes to be eligible for a dAIS grant, they must meet certain performance considerations at their most recent world championship or equivalent event. As grants are provided on a six monthly basis, and results at world championships for athletes in a sport change on a yearly basis, the total amount of dAIS funding going to athletes in a Paralympic sport will change between years.

\*Round 2 dAIS 2015/16 has not been finalised. This figure represents a projection based on round 1 payments.

\*\*2015/16 represents year to date figures. (As at 17 March 2016)