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Topic: Gambling

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Senator Bernardi asked:

How much has the Department spent on gambling, including staff time, since 21 August 2010?

Answer:

Since 1 August 2010, the Department has spent approximately \$2.64 million in administered funding on tackling problem gambling. It is not possible to quantify the full amount spent by the Department given the effort made by many different parts of the organisation (who are not part of the Taskforce), looking into different aspects of issues relating to problem gambling such as research, linkages to support services, harm minimisation measures etc.

The Department is not able to provide a partial month figure for 21 August 2010 because of the way transactions are posted in the Department's accounting system.