

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 3.6 Ageing and Service Improvement      Question No: SQ15-000409**

**Topic: DBMAS / SBRTs**

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**Senator Polley, Helen** asked:

Will there be increased funding for the new DBMAS / SBRTs amalgamation above what is allocated just for Flying Squads? What will the allocation be over the Forwards?

**Answer:**

The Commonwealth will invest an estimated \$113.6 million of funding through the Severe Behaviour Response Teams (SBRTs) and Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service (DBMAS) programmes in the four years from 2015-16. The \$54.5 million from 2015-16 for the SBRTs almost doubles the funding available for specialist dementia advice. The table below shows the projected funding for both of these programmes.

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	TOTAL
SBRT	\$12.674m	\$13.2m*	\$13.9m*	14.7m*	\$54.5m*
DBMAS	\$14.4m	\$14.6m*	\$14.9m*	\$15.2m*	\$59.1m*

\*Estimate