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Topic: Grants

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Senator Brown, Carol asked:

\$29.6 million was allocated in the 2015-16 Budget to provide transitional grants funding in 2015-16 and 2016-17. On 10 June Minister Morrison announced \$40 million in additional funding for frontline services.

- a) Please provide an explanation of the difference between the announcement and the Budget figure.
- b) Please provide an annual breakdown of funding included in the 10 June announcement.

Answer:

As the service gap analysis was still in progress during the most recent Budget process, funding was allocated on an indicative basis, pending completion of the analysis. The \$29.6 million through the Budget represents the service gaps that had been identified as at Budget.

The additional \$10.4 million was allocated to accommodate service gaps that were identified since.

The total \$40 million announced on 10 June 2015 comprises of approximately \$20 million of funding per annum across the two years (2015-16 and 2016-17).