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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Third Action Plan of the National Framework for the Protection of Australia's Children

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Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:

In May 2015, the Department of Social Services sought feedback on a discussion paper that it released to drive the development of the Third Action Plan of the National Framework for the Protection of Australia's Children 2009-2020. The 2015-16 Federal Budget does not make a specific allocation to facilitate the implementation of measures in the Third Action Plan.

- Has Commonwealth funding been allocated for this purpose?
- If not, how does the Commonwealth anticipate meeting the costs of implementation?

Answer:

Funding under the National Initiatives activity (*Portfolio Budget Statements 2015-16 – Social Services* Table 2.2.1, page 92) supports the *National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020* (National Framework). Funding of \$2.653 million a year has been allocated under the National Initiatives activity for the National Framework, including to facilitate the implementation of measures in the Third Action Plan.