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Topic: National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children

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Senator Brown, Carol asked:

Can I get a breakdown of the 2014-15 projects to support the national framework? Also, for any of those in 2015-16, if you can, if it has already been committed.

Answer:

The table below outlines the already committed funding for projects in 2014-15 and 2015-16 to support the *National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020*.

Funded organisation	Project Title	2014-15 (\$)	Notes
University of South Australia – Australian Centre for Child Protection	Child Aware Local Communities	100,000	
Families Australia	Support NGO Coalition Secretariat	100,000	Two year contract - \$100,000 is also committed in 2015-16.
National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN)	National Child Protection Week 2015-2017 and promote the Third Action Plan of the National Framework	400,000	Two year contract - \$400,000 is also committed in 2015-16.
Bravehearts	White Balloon Day 2015	200,000	
Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS)	Expansion of existing research project to understand the interaction between the child protection and domestic violence systems and incorporate a nested study to examine service responses that include perpetrators	108,516	This project was agreed by the Children and Families Secretaries Group (CAFS) ¹ on a cost shared basis with states and territories. This contract reflects the Commonwealth contribution only.
ACIL Allen Consulting	National Framework Evaluation	117,000	This project has been funded on a cost shared basis with states and territories. This contract reflects the Commonwealth contribution only.
Fridge Design	Streamlined design for the National Framework Annual Report	2,200	Two year contract - \$12,430 is also committed in 2015-16.
Australian Government Solicitors	Advice on Professionalisation of Carers Model	25,000	
New South Wales	Carer Information Sharing	150,000	This project was agreed by CAFS

¹ The Children and Families Secretaries (CAFS) membership comprises of heads of departments responsible for children and families.

Government	Project		and implemented in collaboration with all jurisdictions.
Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS)	Collaborative work to support the National Framework	925,000	<p>These projects are being collaboratively developed between AIFS and DSS. Implementation will be undertaken in collaboration with state and territory governments who will provide data.</p> <p>Projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Non-Parent Carers Survey Scoping Study - Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy. • Child sexual abuse prevention mapping. • Scoping study - five Children and Families Secretaries Data Sharing Projects. • Scoping Study - redesign and improved functionality of Child Family Community Australia.
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)	Data improvement, collection and reporting for the National Framework	339,102	<p>This work is being conducted in close consultation with state and territory governments and is being guided by the Children and Families Data Network (CaFDAN)</p> <p>Projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded reporting on family support service use under the National Framework. • Feasibility Study – known carer adoptions unit record collection development and subsequent linkage with child protection data. • National Framework Annual Reporting online data tool development.
Department of Human Services (DHS)	Outreach Services for Grandparent Carers	6,000	
Various (includes meeting venue, facilitators, equipment hire and catering.)	<p>This funding is being used to support a number of activities under the National Framework including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional expenses to support Evaluation and Annual Reporting activities. • National Forum for Protecting Australia's Children - Expenses. • National Consultation Strategy for Third Action Plan. 	113,207	An additional \$23,750 was put aside in 2015-16 to fund the next annual report projects.