

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 May 2017**

**Ref No:** SQ17-000805

**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Healthy Harold

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

- a) How much funding has the Department provided to Life Education Australia in the current financial year? How much in 2015-16? How much in 2014-15?
- b) When did the Department receive Life Education Australia's 2016-17 Budget submission?
- c) Who in the Department decided not to continue funding Life Education Australia?
- d) How much funding is the Department providing to Life Education Australia in 2017-18?

**Answer:**

- a) The Department provided funding of \$600,000 to Life Education Australia to support program delivery in 2014-15 and in 2015-16. Following the development of the National Ice Action Strategy additional funding of \$870,000.00 was provided to Life Education Australia. This resulted in a total funding commitment of \$1.47 million (GST exclusive) for the delivery of programs between 2014-15 and 2017-18.
- b) On 8 December 2016, Life Education Australia's Chief Executive Officer wrote to the then Minister for Health and Aged Care and Minister for Sport regarding its funding proposal. Life Education Australia subsequently wrote to the Minister for Health on 31 January and 13 February 2017.
- c) Advice was provided to the Minister in relation to the proposal. The Minister wrote to Life Education on 8 May 2017 to advise that the funding proposal for 2017-18 had not been successful in the Budget process.
- d) Nil.