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Topic: Forgotten Australians

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Senator Moore asked:

Please advise how much funding is provided to Forgotten Australians now and into the future. Include details of which organisations are being funded under the program and the reporting mechanisms that those funded organisations need to have in place.

Answer:

The national Find and Connect support services are operational in each state and territory to help support Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants.

Find and Connect was allocated funding of \$26.5 million over four years (to 2013-14). It is an ongoing program and there is a budget of \$4.468 million for 2014-15 and \$4.468 million for 2015-16.

The organisations' funding (GST exclusive) to 2013-14 are:

- National Library of Australia (\$1.7 million)
- National Museum of Australia (\$1.2 million)
- The University of Melbourne (\$7,087,969)
- Families Australia (\$550,000)
- Care Leavers Australia Network (\$630,000)
- The Child Migrants Trust (a national Find and Connect support service and advocacy organisation, \$1,175,000)
- The Find and Connect support services in each jurisdiction:
 - Relationships Australia NSW (\$3,165,000);
 - Relationships Australia SA (\$912,000);
 - Relationships Australia NT (\$350,000);
 - Relationships Australia TAS (\$320,000);
 - Relationships Australia WA (\$910,000);
 - Micah Projects QLD (\$2,250,000); and
 - Berry Street VIC (\$2,375,000).

The reporting mechanisms vary between organisations and can include:

- Activity Work Plans;
- Annual Service Reports;
- Collecting and transferring client service activity data onto the Family Support Program Data System (a website for registered service providers to capture and

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maintain data surrounding their clients, cases, courses and sessions) within 28 days of providing the service;

- Financial Acquittal Reports;
- Final Report;
- Past Provider Management Strategies;
- Performance Reports;
- Quarterly Reports
- Reporting client sessions monthly;
- Staff Profile Reports;
- Statistical Reports;
- The organisation's Annual Reports; and
- Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Client Access Strategies.