

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programmes      Question No: SQ15-000847**

**Topic: Discretionary Grants**

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**Senator Carol Brown** asked:

Can you provide a breakdown of discretionary grant funding under the Disability, Mental Health and Carers Programme?

Please break the funding down by each Activity, Sub-Activity and component identified in the DSS Grants Honeycomb.

Please also include any additional components that might not be identified in the Honeycomb.

Please include a total figure and a breakdown for each year starting and 2014-15 and including all out years. Where 5 year contracts are in place under a sub activity please included the budgeted figure for the life of the agreements.

**Answer:**

Below is a breakdown of discretionary grant funding under Programme 5.1: Disability, Mental Health and Carers by component and sub-activity.

Disability, Mental Health and Carers Programme has no five-year contracts in place.

	2014-15 Actual (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)	2018-19 (\$m)
<b>Component: Disability and Carers Support</b>					
National Disability Conference Initiative	0.247	0.350	0.315	0.315	0.315
Australian Disability Enterprise Sector Intervention Support Strategy	-	9.000	6.014	1.008	1.014
Remote Vision and Hearing	0.609	1.120	0.620	0.620	0.620
External Merits Review	0.884	2.007	10.585	22.059	28.846
National Disability Advocacy Program (NDAP)	16.544	16.401	16.708	17.403	17.441
Print Services	1.401	1.401	1.401	1.401	1.401
Postal Concession for the Blind	0.688	1.622	2.167	2.204	2.204
Young Carer Bursary	1.235	1.235	1.235	0.735	-
Carer Directed Respite Care	-	2.554	2.597	2.641	2.686
Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres	-	60.299	61.324	62.366	63.426
National Carer Counselling Programme	-	4.886	4.969	5.054	5.140
Carer Information and Support Service	-	3.959	4.026	4.094	4.164
Dementia: Carer Education and Support	-	1.070	1.070	1.070	1.070
Age Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing Grants Fund (ACSIHAG)	-	0.724	0.561	-	-
National Disability Conference Initiative	0.247	0.350	0.315	0.315	0.315
<b>Total Component: Disability and Carers Support</b>	<b>21.608</b>	<b>106.628</b>	<b>113.592</b>	<b>120.970</b>	<b>128.327</b>

	2014-15 Actual (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)	2018-19 (\$m)
<b>Component: Disability and Carers Service Improvement and Sector Support</b>					
Business Services Wage Assessment Tool (BSWAT)	-	4.075	4.020	4.041	4.157
BSWAT Supplementation and Exit	-	6.861	20.161	52.105	41.175
National Disability Organisations (Peaks)	3.177	2.448	2.448	1.775	1.775
Supporting people with disability and their representatives attend key international forums	0.050	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100
Work and Care Initiatives	0.102	0.100	0.079	0.079	0.079
Carers Australia Peak Body funding	-	0.468	0.418	0.418	0.418
Carers week	-	0.208	0.208	0.208	0.208
<b>Total Component: Disability and Carers Service Improvement and Sector Support</b>	<b>3.329</b>	<b>14.260</b>	<b>27.434</b>	<b>58.726</b>	<b>47.912</b>

	2014-15 Actual (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)	2018-19 (\$m)
<b>Component: Community Mental Health</b>					
<b>Early intervention support to vulnerable families with children and young people who are showing early signs of, or are at risk of developing, mental illness</b>					
Family Mental Health Support Services *	34.137	46.613	51.087	45.998	46.736
<b>Assistance for people severely impacted by mental illness</b>					
Enhanced Social and Community Support (Drought Assistance)	7.000	10.072	-	-	-
Youth Employment Strategy – Individual Placement Support	-	3.100	4.470	4.551	4.632
A Better Life	-	1.000	-	-	-
<b>Support options for carers and families of people with severe mental illness</b>					
Carers and Work*	1.453	1.473	1.502	1.533	1.563
<b>Total Component: Community Mental Health</b>	<b>42.590</b>	<b>62.258</b>	<b>57.059</b>	<b>52.082</b>	<b>52.931</b>

\*Notional allocation