

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: SQ16-000333

Topic: Program Detail

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Senator Murray Watt asked:

Please provide an itemised table detailing the following information:

Every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies within it:

- a) The total funding allocated for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15
- b) The number of organisations funded under the program in each in those years, the name of each organisation funded and the dollar value of that funding
- c) The number of individuals projected to be serviced or services to be delivered through each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- d) The total funding actually expended on each in 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- e) The number of individuals actually serviced or services actually delivered through each in 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- f) The aggregate staff budget for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 broken down by i) permanent APS staff and ii) contractors.
- g) The number of permanent APS staff responsible for delivering each in 2016-17; 2015-16 and 2014-15, the classification of these staff and their geographic location;
- h) The dollar value of external advice contracted to support each in 2016-17, as well as the number of contractors engaged, the APS-equivalent classification these contractors were engaged at and their geographic location.

Answer:

As there have been a number of machinery of government changes in the period covered by this request, it is difficult for the Department to provide this information without undertaking significant manual work.

Much of this information is publicly available through the DSS website, as detailed below, and the available data can be sorted by program, recipient, purpose, effective date, grants term (months), funding location, postcode and value (including GST).

a) to c) The DSS Grants Report, available through the DSS website at <https://www.dss.gov.au/grants/grants-funding> includes details of individual grants awarded by the Department from 2009 onwards. The Grants Report is available in a number of formats, including an Excel Spreadsheet which allows you to sort data according to your specific requirements.

d) Total funding expended on DSS programs is available in the DSS Annual Report 2015-16, available through the DSS website at <https://www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/publications-articles/corporate-publications/annual-reports>.

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e) We cannot provide the number of individuals serviced in 2015-16 as some programs require providers to collect this information where others do not (i.e. project based funding). The DSS Annual Report for 2015-16 does include key performance data for some programs, including the number of individuals assisted, however this is not reported at the activity level.

f) to h) While administered expenses are appropriated at program level, departmental expenses are appropriated to an entity or only notionally at outcome level. Refer to the definition of departmental item in the annual Appropriation Acts, for example Section 3 of the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2016-17*.

DSS does not attribute departmental appropriations, nor Average Staffing Levels, to programs or program components.