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Question No: 154(c)

Special Broadcasting Service

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Topic: Programmes

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Please provide an itemised table detailing the following information:

1. 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:

- (a) Government funding allocated to the programs is:

General Operational program

2014-15 \$196.7 million

2015-16 \$204.6 million

2016-17 \$204.9 million

Transmission and Distribution Service program

2014-15 \$89.1 million

2015-16 \$82.8 million

2016-17 \$76.7 million

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(b) One organisation – SBS.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) *General Operational program :*

2014-15 Actual spend \$296.6 million

2015-16 Actual spend \$302.0 million

The above expenditure was offset by Government and Commercial revenue

Transmission and Distribution Service program:

2014-15 Actual spend \$87.5 million

2015-16 Actual spend \$82.7 million

(e) Not applicable.

(f) SBS does not have APS staff. It is also not readily able to break down staff costs in the manner requested. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of SBS resources. SBS can provide the aggregated staff budget which is as follows:

2016-17 \$120.6 million

2015-16 \$117.1 million

2014-15 \$123.9 million

(g) Not applicable – SBS has no APS staff.

(h) SBS does not record this data in a way that would readily allow for this information to be identified. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of SBS resources.