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Senator Wong

Question

Senator WONG: *Are you able to recall what proportion is in the unallocated—*

Mr Wood: *Not a total level. That is the only one I can recall. Obviously within those country programs, within those categories, there may be things that have not been committed or commenced, but I do not have that information.*

Senator WONG: *Right. But you can provide that?*

Mr Wood: *We will be able to provide that. I am not sure if we can within the next hour or so, but obviously there is information that is available within the department.*

Answer

Attached is a summary of the DFAT's country and regional program's original budget, revised allocation, current expenses, current contacted obligations, current commitments and remaining balance (uncommitted) at 28 February 2014

Attachment

DFAT Country & Regional Programs	2013-14 Original Budget Estimate \$m	2013-14 Bilateral program Budget Estimate (Revised) \$m	Expense as at 28 Feb 2014 \$m	Contracted Obligations as at 28 Feb 2014 \$m	Total Expenses and Contractual Obligations as at 28 Feb 2014 \$m	Total Expenses, Contractual Obligations and other Commitments as at 28 Feb 2014 \$m	Percentage Committed as at Feb 2014 %	Remaining Balance (Uncommitted) \$m	Percentage Uncommitted as at 28 Feb 2014 %
Papua New Guinea	451.9	448.5	220.8	145.2	366.0	382.3	85.2%	66.2	14.8%
Solomon Islands	104.1	90.4	46.3	37.1	83.3	83.9	92.8%	6.5	7.2%
Vanuatu	45.8	40.9	19.9	17.5	37.4	37.7	92.3%	3.2	7.7%
Samoa	26.7	23.1	13.7	5.8	19.4	19.5	84.4%	3.6	15.6%
Fiji	37.0	34.2	18.9	11.5	30.4	30.5	89.2%	3.7	10.8%
Tonga	19.9	17.2	7.7	3.6	11.2	11.3	65.5%	5.9	34.5%
Nauru	20.7	20.7	3.0	2.3	5.3	5.5	26.7%	15.2	73.3%
Kiribati	21.7	19.7	10.1	7.5	17.6	18.2	92.2%	1.5	7.8%
Other Small Pacific Islands	18.5	14.9	3.8	5.7	9.5	9.9	66.4%	5.0	33.6%
Pacific Regional	188.6	172.6	122.5	35.3	157.8	161.1	93.4%	11.5	6.6%
Pacific Total	935.0	882.2	466.7	271.5	738.1	759.9	86.1%	122.3	13.9%
Indonesia *	591.5	541.9	332.7	154.2	486.9	491.7	90.7%	50.2	9.3%
Vietnam	112.0	95.0	62.7	26.1	88.8	88.9	93.6%	6.1	6.4%
Philippines	109.0	109.0	54.2	37.2	91.4	94.8	87.0%	14.2	13.0%
Timor-Leste	78.0	70.0	44.7	20.9	65.6	66.8	95.4%	3.2	4.6%
Cambodia	59.0	51.1	25.0	11.3	36.3	36.4	71.2%	14.7	28.8%
Myanmar	64.1	62.1	28.8	25.2	54.0	54.4	87.6%	7.7	12.4%
Laos	40.0	33.5	17.0	15.1	32.1	32.3	96.3%	1.2	3.7%
Mongolia	11.0	9.6	4.7	2.2	6.9	7.0	72.9%	2.6	27.1%
East Asia Regional	78.7	63.9	22.4	32.0	54.5	58.2	91.1%	5.7	8.9%
East Asia Total	1143.4	1036.1	592.2	324.2	916.4	930.5	89.8%	105.6	10.2%
Afghanistan	151.5	130.9	53.0	20.6	73.6	95.1	72.6%	35.8	27.4%
Pakistan	74.1	63.5	24.9	33.5	58.4	58.7	92.4%	4.8	7.6%
Bangladesh	82.1	61.6	54.1	7.5	61.6	61.6	100.0%	0.0	0.0%
Sri Lanka	37.5	31.9	3.3	28.6	31.9	31.9	99.9%	0.0	0.1%
Nepal	20.2	16.1	15.8	0.1	15.9	16.1	100.0%	0.0	0.0%
Bhutan and the Maldives	8.6	6.4	4.1	1.5	5.6	5.6	87.8%	0.8	12.2%
South and West Asia Regional	29.8	22.4	6.9	8.4	15.3	15.5	69.3%	6.9	30.7%
South & West Asia Total	403.8	332.8	162.1	113.5	275.6	284.6	85.5%	48.3	14.5%
Iraq	7.7	3.7	1.9	1.8	3.7	3.7	100.0%	0.0	0.0%
Palestinian Territories	38.7	33.4	13.1	20.3	33.4	33.4	100.0%	0.0	0.0%
Middle East and North Africa	23.7	29.7	29.6	0.1	29.7	29.7	100.0%	0.0	0.0%
Sub-Saharan Africa	167.4	133.0	96.5	36.5	133.0	133.0	100.0%	0.0	0.0%
Africa & the Middle East Total	237.5	199.8	141.1	86.6	227.7	199.8	100.0%	0.0	0.0%
Latin America & Caribbean	20.4	15.1	7.1	1.8	8.9	9.3	61.9%	5.8	38.1%
Latin America and the Caribbean Total	20.4	15.1	7.1	1.8	8.9	9.3	61.9%	5.8	38.1%
Cross Regional Programs Total	363.0	309.1	152.4	57.1	209.5	220.1	71.2%	89.0	28.8%
TOTAL DFAT COUNTRY AND REGIONAL PROGRAMS	3103.0	2775.2	1521.5	854.7	2376.2	2404.2	86.6%	371.0	13.4%

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Senator Faulkner

Question

Senator FAULKNER: *I will not delay this, because I know Senator Wong is keen to continue. Can you take on notice—and I hope the department can respond as quickly as possible—the proportion of the budget in those categories that we are now speaking of: expended, contracted, those subject to FMA reg 9 and unallocated? I think there are effectively four?*

Mr Wood: *That is correct, Senator.*

Senator FAULKNER: *If you could give us that percentage in relevant years that would be very helpful. Obviously, the committee will be asking as soon as possible for an indication of what particular programs and projects fall into certain of those areas.*

Mr Wood: *Just to clarify: that will be at the regional level which we referred to previously?*

Senator DASTYARI: *Regional and then with the major country. The way your database seems to work is that there are regions and then there are the major regions.*

Senator FAULKNER: *No, it is more that it is regional or subregional at the project level. Do you want project level?*

Senator WONG: *Can I ask in two parts?*

Senator FAULKNER: *Only two?*

Senator WONG: *Frankly, I do not want to get an answer if there is too much work with it broken down into subregionals. So if your database is predicated on regional programs then we would like the information in the form that has just been described. If you are able to give it to us in terms of country programs, we would like that as well. I assume global programs are separately tracked?*

Mr Wood: *Correct; NTS.*

Senator WONG: *I will remember your name now! I presume the global programs are separately tracked.*

Mr Wood: *Correct, and the cross-regional programs.*

Senator WONG: *I would appreciate that. Did you understand that request to be a forward estimate request or only 2013-14?*

Mr Wood: *2013-14.*

Senator WONG: *Separately, I would ask for the same information.*

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Senator FAULKNER: *I said all relevant budget years. That is what I meant. I am afraid I was not meaning to be limiting.*

Senator WONG: *It may be more efficient for you to give us nominal figures rather than percentages; that would be fine.*

Mr Wood: *We have clever spreadsheets, so that will be okay.*

Senator WONG: *Thank you.*

Answer

Attached is a summary of each country and regional program's current commitments and spending approvals under the FMA Act for the financial years 2014-15 to 2016-17 as at March 2014.

DFAT Country and Regional Programs	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
	Committed Expenses (\$m)	Spending Proposal (FMA Reg 9/10) (\$m)	Committed Expenses (\$m)	Spending Proposal (FMA Reg 9/10) (\$m)	Committed Expenses (\$m)	Spending Proposal (FMA Reg 9/10) (\$m)
Papua New Guinea	127.5	599.9	70.9	422.5	11.5	126.9
Solomon Islands	52.2	82.6	27.8	66.8	2.9	38.4
Vanuatu	40.2	53.3	23.3	55.4	1.1	2.0
Samoa	18.4	24.3	8.0	20.6	1.6	18.6
Fiji	23.4	35.0	15.5	24.2	1.0	2.3
Tonga	11.7	15.9	7.0	9.6	0.7	2.5
Nauru	1.8	10.7	0.9	2.7	0.3	1.1
Kiribati	18.1	33.0	10.9	18.0	0.7	1.1
Other Small Pacific Islands	7.7	14.7	4.3	8.5	0.7	3.6
Pacific Regional	135.5	166.0	57.2	101.8	32.5	59.7
Pacific	436.5	1,035.5	225.8	730.0	53.2	256.3
Indonesia	422.9	626.0	295.0	390.3	63.1	132.9
Vietnam	94.7	105.4	68.4	84.0	42.1	46.1
Philippines	89.6	126.3	6.1	89.6	0.8	62.0
Timor-Leste	73.7	107.1	66.7	100.3	4.9	37.8
Cambodia	35.7	37.2	15.0	21.9	1.5	3.1
Myanmar	53.2	77.6	34.0	45.3	0.1	0.4
Laos	33.5	36.6	25.4	29.2	8.0	8.7
Mongolia	6.7	10.3	3.7	9.6	0.2	5.9
East Asia Regional	42.5	55.9	30.5	40.8	10.8	24.3
East Asia	852.4	1,182.4	544.8	811.0	131.6	321.3
Afghanistan	52.3	61.2	15.1	30.7	0.0	8.1
Bangladesh	100.4	104.4	4.2	7.5	0.0	0.1
Sri Lanka	15.0	15.9	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.1
Nepal	14.6	17.6	9.3	11.9	8.0	8.5
Pakistan	48.5	62.5	39.9	47.2	7.1	3.4
Bhutan and the Maldives	4.4	6.5	1.1	4.2	0.4	1.1
South & West Asia Regional	14.7	28.3	10.1	24.7		
South and West Asia	249.9	296.4	79.9	126.7	15.6	21.3
Sub-Saharan Africa	119.8	185.0	35.6	63.0	1.6	18.4
Iraq	3.8	3.0	0.0	1.0		
North Africa & the Middle East	7.3	5.5	2.9	4.7		
Palestinian Territories	25.1	50.5	30.1	55.1		
Africa and the Middle East	156.0	244.0	68.5	123.7	1.6	18.4
Latin America and the Caribbean	5.1	6.1	1.6	2.8	0.5	1.5
Cross Regional Programs	165.3	251.7	60.6	152.4	25.9	74.6
TOTAL Country and Regional Programs	1,865.3	3,016.0	981.2	1,946.5	228.4	693.4

Definitions:

Committed Expenses – Total expected expenses in the current financial year that have contracts in place (under section 44 of FMA Act) with complete schedule of payments established, plus non-contracted agreements between partners (e.g. Records of Understanding), plus approval for non-contracted expenses (e.g. travel and Administered Salaries).

Spending Proposal (FMA Reg 9/10) - Spending proposals approved under the FMA Act for anticipated initiatives.