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Senator: Senator Claire Moore

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Question:

CHAIR: Have you got the answer to the other one—the ANROWS.

Senator MOORE: Can I suggest that, because that is going to be a very detailed answers, we put that on notice? You have asked for the whole work plan of ANROWS.

CHAIR: I have asked for how many projects form part of this program, what the value is and what the focus is on. I am not interested in the full detail but I do want to facilitate this. So I am happy for you to look at that while Senator Moore asks some questions, and then we can come back to it at the end, if that makes it easier for you.

Ms Larkins: Thank you.

Senator Cash: There are 20 programs that have been funded in this round of funding. I believe it is approximately \$3.5 million. Unless, Ms Larkins—

CHAIR: And what is the general focus then?

Ms Larkins: I have just been told I do not have the detail in my briefing, so we will have to take it on notice.

Senator Cash: If it assists, we can put on notice for you a list of the 20 individual projects that have been funded and that, obviously, correlate with prevention and particular groups under the second action plan.

CHAIR: Thank you for that, Minister.

Senator MOORE: First of all, Minister, I just want to clarify some small anomalies between the budget papers and the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements. It is probably just a straightforward technical question. Page 31 of the budget has the Office for Women, and it has a line item across the out years for the funding for the Office for Women. Then page 28 of the PAES has the same line. Whilst 13-14 and 14-15 are the same, 15-16, 16-17 and 17-18 all have reductions—not massive reductions but all reductions. I just want to understand why.

Ms Cross: There was a cut in the budget. I might ask the people in our financial area to see if we can find the source of that for you.

Senator MOORE: I just want find out and quantify the amount.

Ms Cross: Sometimes it can just be that indexation rates have changed, so we will just check that for you.

Senator MOORE: Two other lines did not change in the same area—not in Office for Women but in PM&C—but two did.

Senator Cash: We will check that for you, absolutely.

Answer:

The Department of Social Services (DSS) funds the ANROWS Research Program. Information is provided at Attachment A.

The Department funds projects under the Women’s Leadership and Development Strategy.

The difference between the 2014-15 Portfolio Budget Statement and the 2014-15 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement is due to the economic parameter updates applied to the forward year estimates.

The ANROWS Research Program 2014-16 (the Research Program) will produce research under the *National Research Agenda to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children* to support the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022.

The ANROWS Research Program 2014-16 (Part 1), which was launched on 31 October 2014, consists of 20 projects across all five strategic research themes. These projects have a combined total value of approximately \$3.5 million. They have an ambitious reach with research sites in every state and territory and a spread of projects focusing on different types of violence against women as well as priority population groups identified in the *National Research Agenda*.

The 20 projects are as follows:

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics Personal Safety Survey 2012 additional data analysis on violence against women.
2. Promoting community-led responses to violence against immigrant and refugee women in metropolitan and regional Australia.
3. Seeking help for domestic violence: exploring rural women's coping experiences.
4. Establishing the Connection [between alcohol and other drug use and sexual victimisation].
5. State of knowledge on the co-occurrence, intersection and differences between forms of, and responses to, violence against women and their children.
6. National burden of disease study examining the impact of violence against women.
7. Domestic and family violence and parenting: mixed method insights into impact and support needs.
8. Women's Input to a Trauma-informed systems model of care in Health settings: The WITH study.
9. National framework for the prevention of violence against women and their children (Project in partnership with Our Watch and VicHealth).
10. Media representations of violence against women and their children (Project in partnership with Our Watch).
11. National mapping and meta-evaluation outlining key features of effective 'safe at home' programs that enhance safety and prevent homelessness for women and their children who have experienced domestic and family violence.
12. State of knowledge, practice and responses to violence against women in Australian Indigenous communities.
13. Advocacy for safety and empowerment: good practice and innovative approaches with Indigenous women experiencing family and domestic violence in remote and regional Australia.
14. What does it take? Developing informed and effective tertiary responses to violence and abuse for women and girls with disabilities in Australia.
15. Improving legal and justice responses to violence against women.

Attachment A

16. Meta-evaluation of existing interagency partnerships, collaboration, coordination and/or integrated interventions and service responses to violence against women.
17. Evaluation of innovative models of interagency partnerships, collaboration, coordination and/or integrated responses to family and/or sexual violence against women in Australian Indigenous communities.
18. The PATRICIA Project: Pathways And Research In Collaborative Inter-Agency working.
19. Building effective policies and services to promote women's economic security following domestic and family violence.
20. Review of the evidence on knowledge translation and exchange in the violence against women field.

More information about these projects is available at www.anrows.org.au.