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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Moore, Claire

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**Question:**

Senator MOORE: The formal trial sites have been approved for continuation, is that right?

Mr Tongue: We have continued to provide money for those sites.

Senator MOORE: How much money?

Mr Ryan: At the moment, we are continuing the regional coordinators we were funding during the development of them. I would have to get the exact figures.

Senator MOORE: Can I get that on notice.

Mr Ryan: Yes, I will take it on notice.

**Answer:**

Funding for Regional Coordinators has been split into two phases: the design and development phase and the current implementation phase.

Design and development phase:

Regional Coordinators were funded in each of the eight Empowered Communities regions. The total funding was \$3,344,163.80.

Implementation phase:

Regional Coordinators continue to be funded in each of the eight Empowered Communities regions pending finalisation of Backbone Organisation funding arrangements. To date, funding amounts to \$381,936.70. Once established, Backbone Organisations will take over the primary Regional Coordinator functions.