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Question:

The 2015-16 Budget announced the cessation of the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory, which provided \$3.4 billion over ten years to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory. How much funding was allocated for the remaining years of Stronger Futures before the NPA was ceased? Provide details on the funding committed for the remaining years of the Stronger Futures NPA on a year-by-year basis.

Answer:

Funding allocated under the original NPA on Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory and its Implementation Plans, by year, is available on the Council on Federal Financial Relations' website and outlined in Table 1 below. Further information can also be found in Schedule K of the NPA. Various payments under the NPA get adjusted for indexation over the life the Agreement.

Table 1: Estimated financial contributions

(\$ million)	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
<i>Estimated</i> total budget (1)	33.0	289.0	383.3	388.2	391.6	376.5	378.6	330.7	308.1	303.6	307.4	3490.1
<i>Estimated</i> National Partnership payment (2)	26.9	98.7	197.1	180.1	182.3	171.4	166.6	109.0	101.2	97.3	98.2	1428.9
Commonwealth own purpose expenses (3)	6.1	166.2	176.8	197.0	198.2	194.9	201.8	212.7	199.6	200.2	203.0	1956.6

Payments to Non-Government Schools (4)	-	6.7	6.8	8.5	8.6	7.7	7.8	6.5	4.8	3.6	3.6	64.6
Total Commonwealth contribution (5) = (2) + (3) +(4)	33.0	271.5	380.8	385.7	389.1	374.0	376.2	328.2	305.6	301.1	304.8	3450.1
Northern Territory contribution (6) = (1) – (5)	-	17.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	40.0

Note: Commonwealth Own-Purpose Expenses (COPE) includes departmental expenses.