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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

Senator McLUCAS: \$46 million was allocated to the program. How much of that has been expended?

Ms Jolly: That funding has been committed. The majority of that funding is for the employment of the school attendance officers and supervisors. Funding is currently committed. I will see if we have the figure for expense to date.

Mr Fordham: We don't, Senator. We will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

\$46.5 million has been committed over two calendar years until 31 December 2015. As at 30 October 2014, \$19.1 million of the \$46.5 million has been expended.