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Question:

Can you provide the amounts spent by portfolio, by initiative or programme and by each financial year for the period July 2014 to June 2019?

Answer:

Many government measures that support women who have experienced domestic and family violence are embedded in mainstream programmes, and funding amounts cannot be accurately extracted. Funding for Commonwealth programmes that are either exclusively or commonly used by people affected by domestic and family violence is listed below.

Initiative/programme		Portfolio	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m) <i>budgeted</i>	2016-17 (\$m) <i>estimated</i>	2017-18 (\$m) <i>estimated</i>	2018-19 (\$m) <i>estimated</i>
National Partnership Agreement on Legal Assistance Services	Legal aid commissions	Attorney-General's Department (AGD)	204.362	207.950	211.277	214.24	217.243
	Community legal centres(a)	AGD	-	40.021	42.222	30.122	30.582
Community Legal Services Programme(a)		AGD	41.244	4.334	2.918	2.638	2.638
Indigenous Legal Assistance Programme		AGD	75.161	72.387	73.731	69.303	69.265
Family Law Services		AGD	156.4	156.4	156.4	<i>To be confirmed</i>	
National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022	DV-alert	Department of Social Services (DSS)	2.45	2.501	2.601	2.601	2.601
	1800RESPECT	DSS	14.21	5.455	7.9	7.9	7.9
	Our Watch(b)	DSS	0.84	1.559	1.081	1.081	1.081
	<i>The Line</i> (c)	DSS	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
	ANROWS(d)	DSS	2.5	1.96	1.8	1.5	1.5
	Personal Safety Survey	DSS	5.45	0	0	4.9	4.9
	National Community Attitudes Survey	DSS	0	0.63	2.9	0	0
	National DVO Scheme information sharing	DSS	0.6	0.35	0.25	0	0
	Building Safer Communities for Women	DSS	-	2	2	-	-
Other initiatives	DSS	1.386	9.418	5.856	6.931	7.764	
Support for Trafficked People Program		DSS	1.115	1.055	1.055	1.055	0.755
National Campaign		DSS	-	10.26	4.9	0.84	-
Specialised Family Violence Services		DSS	4.44	4.525	4.525	-	-
Indigenous Advancement Strategy – Safety & Wellbeing Programme activity funding(e) (includes family violence prevention legal services and family safety activities)		Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C)	31.11	31.31	30.45	20.53	0.9
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (funding for women's safe houses)		PM&C	2.74	<i>Under negotiation with the NT Government under the National Partnership Agreement on NT Remote Aboriginal Investment</i>			
Alice Springs Transformation Plan (funding for a DV outreach programme and a DV integrated response programme)		PM&C	1.59	-	-	-	-

(a) Excludes Social and Community Services (SACS) supplementation.

(b) Our Watch is funded to 30 June 2017, future funding is yet to be agreed and subject to Minister approval.

(c) From 1 July 2014, Our Watch assumed management of the Line.

(d) ANROWS is funded to 30 June 2016, future funding is yet to be agreed and subject to Minister approval.

(e) Figures are inclusive of SACS supplementation and exclusive of GST.

Women's Safety Package (annual spending amounts are yet to be determined)

<i>Initiative/programme</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Funding (\$m)</i>
Trial with states of the use of innovative technology to keep women safe (such as GPS trackers for perpetrators)	DSS	12
Safer technology; including working with telecommunications companies to distribute safe phones to women, and with the e-safety Commissioner to develop a resource package about online safety for women, including women from CALD communities (this component is being led by the Department of Communications)	DSS	5
Keeping women safe in their homes by expanding successful initiatives like the Safer in the Home programme to install CCTV cameras and other safety equipment, and a grant to the Salvation Army to work with security experts to conduct risk assessments on victim's homes, help change their locks and scan for bugs	DSS	17
Expansion of 1800RESPECT, the national telephone and online counselling service for domestic and family violence and sexual assault, to ensure more women can get support	DSS	5
Increased funding for Mensline for tools and resources to support perpetrators not to reoffend	DSS	2
Local women's case workers, to coordinate support for women, including housing, safety and budgeting services	DSS	5
Expansion of the DV-alert training programme to police, social workers, emergency department staff and community workers to better support women and work with the College of General Practitioners to develop and deliver specialised training to GPs across the country	DSS and Department of Health	14
Enabling police in Qld to better respond to domestic violence in remote communities*	PM&C	Up to 2.5
Extending and expanding support for services that work to change the offending behaviour of Indigenous perpetrators of domestic violence*	PM&C	12.5
Funding for the Cross Border Domestic Violence Intelligence Desk to share information on victims and perpetrators who move around the cross border region of WA, SA and the NT*	PM&C	3.6
Extending the Community Engagement Police Officers in remote Indigenous communities in the NT*	PM&C	1.4
Targeted support for at risk young Indigenous mothers*	PM&C	1.1
Establishing specialised domestic violence units to provide access to coordinated legal, social work and cultural liaison services for women in a single location, and allow legal services to work with local hospitals, including for women from CALD communities and women living in regional/remote areas	AGD	15
Funding to change the attitudes of young people to violence, through expanding the Safer Schools website to include resources for teachers, parents and students on respectful relationships	Department of Education and Training	5

*These initiatives are funded under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy's Safety and Wellbeing Programme included in the previous table.