

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates 19-23 October 2015**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 2: Indigenous  
**Topic:** IAS

**Senator:** Senator Rachel Siewert

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**Question:**

Senator SIEWERT: You cannot tell us—outside the grant process—against each of the IAS grants. You have given us the global budget, as I understand it, for the non-grants process. Ms Andrew is nodding at me.

Ms Edwards: What numbers we do have—we can tell you what is legally committed under each program, at the moment, and that amount would include everything that has been legally committed—that is, everything contracted under the grants round plus outside the grants round, in the current financial year. These numbers do not distinguish between one or the other.

Senator SIEWERT: What is going through my head is that the number you have given me, in fact, is not against the financial year; it is given against 30 September. So it is 15 months.

Ms Edwards: Yes.

Senator SIEWERT: That is where I am now struggling. If you give me the financial year, I am missing a chunk of expenditure. Do you see where I am—

Ms Edwards: Yes. I do not have the 2014-15 numbers with me.

Senator SIEWERT: We are comparing apples with oranges. Perhaps you could take it on notice.

Ms Edwards: Yes.

Mr Tongue: Certainly.

**Answer:**

Please find below a table with the IAS expenditure by programme for 2014-15.

Expenditure by programme*	<i>2014-15</i> <i>(\$'000)</i>
Programme 2.1: Jobs, Land and Economy	546,841
Programme 2.2: Children and Schooling	239,024
Programme 2.3: Safety and Wellbeing	247,722
Programme 2.4: Culture and Capability	58,192
Programme 2.5: Remote Australia Strategies	74,067
Total IAS	1,165,846

\*Expenditure figures include all legal commitments as at 30 September 2015

Please find below a further table with 2015-16 commitment figures for each of the five IAS programmes as at 30 September 2015. It is important to note that although \$132.7 million is uncommitted in 2015-16 much of this funding is earmarked for the continued provision of key services, currently contracted and which expire during the budget cycle.

	<b>2015-16 (\$'000)</b>
<b>Programme 2.1: Jobs, Land and Economy</b>	
Committed funding (ii)	572,520
Uncommitted funding (iii)	40,489
JLE Total funding (i)	613,009
<b>Programme 2.2: Children and Schooling</b>	
Committed funding (ii)	186,980
Uncommitted funding (iii)	35,336
C&S Total funding (i)	222,316
<b>Programme 2.3: Safety and Wellbeing</b>	
Committed funding (ii)	222,988
Uncommitted funding (iii)	26,466
S&W Total funding (i)	249,454
<b>Programme 2.4: Culture and Capability</b>	
Committed funding (ii)	38,460
Uncommitted funding (iii)	13,170
C&C Total funding (i)	51,630
<b>Programme 2.5: Remote Australia Strategies</b>	
Committed funding (ii)	34,144
Uncommitted funding (iii)	17,309
RAS Total funding (i)	51,453
<b>Ordinary Annual Appropriation Total</b>	
Committed funding (ii)	1,055,092
Uncommitted funding (iii)	132,770
IAS Total funding (i)	1,187,862

(i) Total ordinary annual appropriation funding for IAS programmes.

(ii) Committed funding figures include all legal commitments as at 30 September 2015.

(iii) Uncommitted excluding plans and pressures and other commitments covering activities such as measures and election commitments of the Government of the day, activities with a legislative underpinning, and activities approved by Minister/delegate.