

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

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Question No. AE15/119

Senator Collins asked the following written question from the 24 February and 27 March 2015 hearings:

1. On 26 March the Attorney-General announced '\$25.5 million over two years to 30 June 2017, of funding for Legal Aid Commissions, Community Legal Centres and Indigenous legal service providers'. Please provide a breakdown of when and where this funding will be allocated.
2. Have any individual CLCs been notified of the restoration of their funding? If not, when will this take place?
3. When will CLCs receive the restored funding promised?
4. Does this figure include the funding for the Yarra Ranges CLC announced in March by Tony Smith MP?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. A total of \$25.5 million in supplementary funding will be reinstated over two years from 1 July 2015. Funding will be returned to the following programmes:

Programme	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m	Total \$m
Legal Aid Commissions - Expensive Commonwealth Criminal Cases Fund (ECCCF)	0.998	0.996	1.994
Indigenous Legal Assistance Programme (ILAP)	6.030	5.467	11.497
Community Legal Services Programme (CLSP)	5.994	5.982	11.976
Total	13.022	12.445	25.467

Reinstated funding for the Legal Aid Commission – ECCCF will be returned to the appropriation held by the Attorney-General's Department. The ECCCF is administered by the Department, pursuant to Guidelines, to reimburse State and Territory legal aid commissions for the legal costs of representing defendants in expensive Commonwealth criminal trials.

From 1 July 2015, funding (including reinstated funds) for the ILAP will be distributed under a new funding allocation model developed by a consultant engaged by the Attorney-General's Department.

Reinstated funding for the CLSP will be distributed to 61 community legal centres listed below:

<i>CENTRE</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Supplementary</i>	<i>Supplementary</i>	
New South Wales	\$1,490,000	\$1,490,000	\$2,980,000
Arts Law Centre of Australia	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Central Coast CLC	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Consumer Credit Legal Service NSW	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$320,000
Far West CLC	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$380,000
HIV/AIDS Legal Centre	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Kingsford Legal Centre	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Macquarie LC	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Mid-North Coast CLC	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Mt Druitt and Area CLC	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Northern Rivers Community Legal Service	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Public Interest Advocacy Centre	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Redfern LC	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$180,000
South West Sydney Legal Centre	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Welfare Rights Centre	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Victoria	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000
Brimbank Melton CLC	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Broadmeadows CLS	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Casey Cardinia CLS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Consumer Action Law Centre	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Darebin CLC	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Eastern CLC	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000
Loddon Campaspe CLC	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Murray-Mallee CLS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Inner Melbourne Community Legal	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Public Interest Law Clearing House – Homeless Persons Legal Clinic	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$160,000
Springvale Monash Legal Service	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Whittlesea CLS	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Wyndham LS	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Youthlaw	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000

Queensland	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$1,900,000
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal Services North Queensland	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Cairns Community Legal Centre	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$160,000
Gold Coast Legal Service and the Citizens Advice Bureau	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Logan Youth and Family Service	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$160,000
Pine Rivers Welfare Association	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$160,000
South West Brisbane CLS	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$160,000
Suncoast CLS	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$180,000
Taylor Street CLC	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Tenants Union of Qld	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Townsville CLS	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$160,000
Welfare Rights Centre	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$140,000
Western Australia	\$920,000	\$920,000	\$1,840,000
Bunbury CLC	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$180,000
Consumer Credit Legal Service WA	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Gosnells Community Legal Centre	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Kimberley Community Legal Service	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Peel CLS	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$180,000
Pilbara LS	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$180,000
Welfare Rights and Advocacy	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$160,000
Wheatbelt CLC	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$180,000
South Australia	\$630,000	\$630,000	\$1,260,000
Northern CLS	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Riverland CLS	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
South East CLS	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$260,000
Southern Community Justice Centre	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Welfare Rights Centre	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$120,000
Women's Legal Service SA	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Tasmania	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000
North West Community Legal Centre	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Women's Legal Service TAS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000

Northern Territory	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$440,000
Central Australian Women's Legal Service	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Darwin Community Legal Service	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Australian Capital Territory	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$220,000
Welfare Rights ACT	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$120,000
Women's Legal Centre ACT	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Total	\$6,020,000	\$6,020,000	\$12,040,000

2. The National Association of Community Legal Centres was advised of the funding restoration on 26 March 2015. A number of individual community legal centres have contacted the department and have been advised that their supplementary funding will be restored for 2015-16 and 2016-17.
3. Funding will be provided from 1 July 2015.
4. Yes.