

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

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Question No. BE15/102

Senator Collins asked the following written question from 27 and 28 May 2015 hearings:

1. What will the \$1.7m of transitional funding announced in the Budget fund? Please provide a detailed breakdown.
 - a. How long is this funding expected to be required?
 - b. How does this figure compare to the usual annual funding of the OAIC prior to the 2014 Budget?
 - c. Will the funding cover premises for the OAIC?
 - d. Will new staff be hired? How many? Are these permanent staff or on short-term contracts?

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

1. (a) The transitional funding for the exercise of FOI functions in 2015-16.

(b) The total net resourcing for the OAIC for 2015-16 is \$11.79 million. The total net resourcing for the OAIC for 2014-15 was \$13.67 million.

(c) and (d) It is a matter for the OAIC to determine how it will expend these funds.