

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

Program: 1.2

Question No. SBE15/038

Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2015:

Senator BILYK: What will determine when that last grant is paid to the ISP?

Ms Chard: The will be determined on the key activities and milestones that grant applicants put in their grant application and are related to their implementation plans.

Senator BILYK: Can I get a breakdown of how that \$2.9 million is going to be used? Is it for staffing and that sort of thing as well?

Ms K Jones: It will be a combination of staffing and systems.

Senator BILYK: Can I get a breakdown of—

Mr Moraitis: We can take it on notice.

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

\$2.9M has been allocated to the administration of the data retention grants programme across three years, as follows:

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
\$1.5M	\$0.8M	\$0.6M

The 2015-16 allocation will be used to support staff and external contractors to:

- design the grants programme
- develop systems for providers to apply online
- undertake activities to assist providers in applying, including:
 - o develop and distribute information material
 - o hold workshops
 - o provide a phone and email hotline service
- assess applications
- negotiate funding agreements between the Commonwealth and providers
- administer payments to providers, and
- assess providers' progress against agreed milestones.

The 2016-17 and 2017-18 allocation will be used to support staff and external contractors to:

- administer payments to providers
- negotiate requested amendments to funding agreements
- provide a phone and email hotline service to answer ongoing queries from providers
- assess providers' progress against agreed milestones
- audit funded activities, and
- evaluate the programme.