

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Equal Remuneration Case funding

[Equal Remuneration Case] Senator SIEWERT: I understand that of the \$2.1 billion that has been set aside for the case, FaHCSIA has been allocated \$1.2 billion. How much has DEEWR been nominally allocated for its— CHAIR: Senator Siewert, we are having trouble hearing you. Senator SIEWERT: Sorry. As you are probably aware, I have been chasing this through estimates. I asked FaHCSIA this morning about, what I understand to be, their nominal proportion of the \$2.1 billion that has been set aside for this. The \$1.2 billion of that funding is nominally for their projects. How much has been nominally allocated to your agency? Ms Boundy: We have only one program affected by the case we have identified. That is Youth Connections. I do not have the exact figures with me, but it is a very small program in the whole scheme of the \$2.1 billion. I can on notice the exact amount. Senator SIEWERT: Okay, that would be appreciated.

Answer

On 15 July 2012, the Prime Minister announced that the Government would fund an additional \$1 billion as part of its contribution to the pay equity decision for social and community sector workers, increasing the Commonwealth's share to around \$3 billion. A figure has yet to be finalised for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, however, its share is expected to be approximately 1 to 2 per cent of the total direct program cost to the Commonwealth.