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Question:

Senator McKENZIE: That is good. How much funding does the Office for Women currently receive, and what was the 2013-14 allocation?

Ms McDevitt: We will have to take that one on notice.

Senator McKENZIE: Really? I think that is a pretty straightforward question for budget estimates.

Ms McDevitt: I think the final settlement of movements of funding as part of the machinery of government changes has taken quite some time, so I would rather get that accurate and get that back to you as soon as possible.

Ms Cross: That is if we include all the staffing and corporate overheads rather than just the program funding.

Senator McKENZIE: The whole allocation would be great. Could you then, as part of that, give me a breakdown of departmental costs and administrative costs.

Ms McDevitt: Yes, we can do that.

Senator McKENZIE: Excellent. Is there anybody in the room who could give that before we break tonight?

Ms Cross: As Ms McDevitt said, I do not think the detail of the final allocation of departmental costs has been agreed. Particularly around the corporate overheads, it is still being worked through, I understand.

Senator McKENZIE: How long do we think that will take to be worked through given that it happened a while ago?

Ms Cross: Very soon, I hope.

Answer:

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Following the Administrative Arrangements Order of 18 September 2013, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet received \$2.184 million in departmental funding and \$2.27 million in administered funding for 2013-14 from the Department of Social Services for the Office for Women.