

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

Program 1.2

Question Number: 105

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2011:

Budget Paper No. 3 p. 89 points out the funding to be granted to states and territories - \$34.7m in 2011-12.

a) Does the Department keep records of where that money goes once it gets to the states and territories?

b) If so, can I have a breakdown of what is funded with this money? If not, why not?

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

Under the National Partnership Agreement on Disaster Resilience (NPA), states and territories are required to submit yearly Implementation Plans for consideration by the Attorney-General, in consultation with the departments of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Treasury. Implementation Plans provide information on how the states and territories will implement the NPA. The activities that are outlined in the Implementation Plan are those working activities that will best achieve the objectives, outcomes and outputs listed in the NPA in a way that meets state/territory risk priorities and needs.

The activities specified in the Implementation Plan are:

- How states and territories will implement the Program
- What will states and territories do to achieve the outcomes and outputs
- When various components of the plan will be achieved; and
- Costs associated with doing these activities.

All completed Implementation Plans are available at:

http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/national_partnership_agreements/environment.aspx

In addition to the requirements of the NPA, states and territories collaborate with my Department to provide a list of all successful projects funded by them under the NPA. This includes project details, the amount of Commonwealth funding provided and any other partners involved. However I am unable to provide a detailed breakdown without clearer information on what years or states the Senator is interested in.