

Department of Finance

Response to Question on Notice

SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Inquiry into Digital Delivery of Government Services

ADVANCE QUESTION ON NOTICE

Question 1

Senator Patrick has asked:

Can the Department of Finance provide the following information on the delivery of the Digital Records Transformation?

1. The budget for the project at the time of first approval to proceed?
2. The spend to date on the project?
3. The current approved budget?

Response

The Government has allocated \$10.8 million over three years commencing 1 July 2017, for the Digital Records Transformation Program. This has not changed.

To date, \$1.6 million has been spent.

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Question 2

Senator Patrick has asked:

Can the Department of Finance provide the following information on the delivery of the Streamlining Government Grants Administration Program?

1. The budget for the project at the time of first approval to proceed?
2. The spend to date on the project?
3. The current approved budget?

Response

In the 2015-16 Budget, the Government allocated \$106.7 million over four years to the Streamlining Government Grants Administration (SGGA) Program. Of this allocation:

- \$99.3 million was provided to the Department of Social Services (DSS); questions related to this allocation should be referred to DSS; and
- \$7.4 million was provided to the Department of Finance (Finance); expenditure to date is \$3.5 million.

An additional \$35.2 million over two years was allocated in the 2017-18 Budget under the Modernisation Fund to the support agencies to transition grants programs to the Hubs and build the capability of the Hubs, bringing the total budget for SGGA to \$141.9 million.

Of the Modernisation Fund allocation:

- \$23.2 million was provided to DSS and \$12.0 million was provided to Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (DIIS); advice to Finance on expenditure to date is \$5.1 million, consistent with transition schedules.
- Further advice regarding this expenditure should be referred to DSS and DIIS.