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Topic: Emergency Relief

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Senator Moore, asked:

At the last Estimates, we were told that the under 30s measure included an extra amount of funding for emergency relief. Can you confirm how much extra funding for Emergency Relief is contained in this measure?

Is this extra money for Emergency Relief currently being made available through the grants process?

If this measure does not pass the parliament, will that extra funding still be made available?

Answer:

In the 2014-15 Budget an additional \$229.6 million in funding over four years, from 1 January 2015 to 2017-18, was allocated for the *Stronger participation incentives for job seekers under 30* (Youth Employment) measure. Funding for this measure was adjusted in the Department of Social Services' 2014-15 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement (PAES) (pages 26 and 28). See table below for a breakdown over financial years.

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total
<i>Youth Employment</i> measure	\$0	\$81.229m	\$66.732m	\$48.380m	\$196.341m

The funding under this measure is separate to Emergency Relief funding and was not part of the recent grants round. This additional funding would only be available to provide young people affected by the *Youth Employment* Measure with access to material aid, following the passage of relevant legislation.