

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme Question No: SQ16-000127

Topic: Sector Development Fund

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

In 2012 the Labor government started the Sector Development Fund with a \$122 million investment. Can you explain what additional investments have been made since then?

Answer:

The 2012 Federal Budget allocated \$122 million for the Sector Development Fund (the Fund) over four years from 2012-13. The 2013 Federal Budget allocated an additional \$30 million for the Fund in 2016-17. The Fund is now approximately \$146 million after allocating approximately \$4 million to support the delivery of National Disability Insurance Scheme trials.

The Fund transferred from the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to the Department of Social Services (DSS) effective from 1 May 2015 with a balance of \$114.2 million over three years.

The Fund balance was re-profiled to extend the Fund by one year as reported in the 2015-16 Additional Estimates:

Budget	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total
<i>Original</i>	\$57.5m	\$26.7m	\$30m	\$0m	\$114.2m
<i>Current</i>	\$0m	\$31.7m	\$45m	\$37.5m	\$114.2m