

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

**Outcome Number: 2.1 Families and Communities**

**Question No: SQ16-000250**

**Topic: Discretionary Grants**

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**Senator Carol Brown** asked:

I wanted a breakdown of the discretionary grant funding under the families and communities program, including funding by each activity, sub activity and a component identified in the DSS grants.(ref SQ15-000845)

Can you provide a breakdown of discretionary grant funding under the Families and Communities Programme?

Please break the funding down by each Activity, Sub-Activity and component identified in the DSS Grants Honeycomb.

Please also include any additional components that might not be identified in the Honeycomb.

Please include a total figure and a breakdown for each year starting and 2014-15 and including all out years. Where 5 year contracts are in place under a sub activity please included the budgeted figure for the life of the agreements

**Answer:**

A breakdown of the discretionary grant funding under the Families and Communities Programme, as illustrated in the Department of Social Services (DSS) Grants Honeycomb, is provided at **Attachment A** for 2014-15 and out years. The financial information is accurate as at 7 March 2016 and is sourced from the DSS Online Funding Management System (FOFMS).

Funding for the Families and Communities Programme is set out in the 2015-16 Social Services Portfolio Budget Statement. Further information on Families and Communities Grants is available on the DSS website, including a breakdown of grants funding per Outcome, organisation and funding period.

Please visit <https://www.dss.gov.au/overview/grants-funding>

Please list all other Branches/Offices/Departments Consulted:

1. Financial Management and Procurement Branch
2. Family Safety Branch
3. Children's Policy Branch
4. Financial and Specialist Support Branch
5. Programme Systems and Support Branch, Programme Office
6. Multicultural, Settlement Support and Communities Group
7. Housing, Homelessness and Assurance Group

### Attachment A: Breakdown Grant Funding for Families and Communities

Activity	2014-2015 Actual (\$m)	2015-2016 (\$m)	2016-2017 (\$m)	2017-2018 (\$m)	2018-2019 (\$m)	Total (\$m)
<b>Strengthening Communities Activity</b>	18.612	21.106	13.819	-	-	53.537
<b>Civil Society Activity</b>	0.317	0.324	0.209	0.005	-	0.855
<b>Settlement Services Activity</b>	46.467	57.018	62.88	50.829	-	217.194
<b>Families and Communities Service Improvement Activity</b>	2.07	2.705	2.483	-	-	7.258
<b>Families and Children Activity*</b>	350.165	406.103	366.515	346.854	351.32	1820.957
<b>Financial Wellbeing and Capability Activity</b>	125.024	99.915	92.668	-	-	317.607
<b>National Initiatives Activity</b>	33.021	21.371	20.623	7.655	-	82.67

Figures for 2015-16 and out years are notional allocations only, and are accurate as at 7 March 2016. This breakdown is identified within Department of Social Services (DSS) Online Funding Management System (FOFMS). FOFMS is a key IT system providing funding agreement management, with real time data. The grant funding managed in FOFMS is a subset of the funding appropriated for each activity under 2.1 Families and Communities Programme and may include Social and Community Services (SACS) funding supplementation. Funding information in FOFMS is subject to change as part of contract management and variation, payment milestones, and application of indexation. Information about appropriation amounts is available online in the Department of Social Services Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement 2015-16, table 2.2.1, page 53.

\* Families and Children Activity includes five year agreements. Data also includes grant funding relating to Attorney-General's Department which is administered by DSS.