

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 4

Question No: 193

Topic: Gambling

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Senator Moore asked:

Can the Department provide an itemised explanation of all elements of the process of funding for gambling in DSS?

Answer:

In the 2014-15 Department of Social Services Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS), the funding for gambling is captured under Outcome 2.1 – Families and Communities, as part of Financial Wellbeing and Capability.

Gambling is not a separate line item in the PBS, and is reported under Financial Wellbeing and Capability, in table 2.2.1 'Expenses for Families and Communities' (page 98).

The annual administered expenses for Financial Wellbeing and Capability are:

2013-14 Estimated Actual \$'000	2014-15 Budget \$'000	2015-16 Forward Estimate \$'000	2016-17 Forward Estimate \$'000	2017-18 Forward Estimate \$'000
122,960	139,131	164,686	139,887	135,685

In 2014-15, funding for gambling is \$6.591 million of the \$139 million in the outcome, including:

Funding	Amount
National Research on Gambling	\$0.500 million
Gambling Help Online	\$0.100 million
50 Financial Counsellors	\$5.991 million
Total	\$6.591 million