

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

**Outcome Number: 2**

**Question No: 843**

**Topic: Families and Communities Programme**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** asked:

The budget states that 5 year funding agreements totalling \$1.5 billion will be offered to the more than 250 service providers that deliver Communities for Children Facilitating Partner Services, Family and Relationship Services and Family Law Services.

- a. Can you please provide a breakdown of the \$1.5 billion funding by each of the three components listed, by state and territory and by financial year?
- b. Can you confirm if 5 year funding agreements have been offered to all services currently funded under the Family and Relationship Services and Family Law Services streams of the Family Support Programme?
- c. Will current funding levels be maintained for all organisations currently receiving funding?

**Answer:**

- a) Responses to this question and to question numbers 853, 854, and 855 are at Attachment A.
- b) One Family Law Service provider has not been offered a five year funding agreement. All other Family Law, Family and Relationship Service and Communities for Children Facilitating Partner providers will receive five year funding offers under the Families and Children Activity of the Family and Communities Programme.
- c) Base funding levels were maintained for these organisations in the 2014-15 budget.