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Senator Brown asked:

Please provide a breakdown of funding for the Children and Parenting sub-activity under the Families and Children activity of the Families and Communities Programme, for 2014-15 to 2017-18.

- a. Please provide this information broken down by state and territory and by component.
- b. Please provide the same breakdown of funding provided in 2012-13 and 2013-14 under the funding agreements which will now be offered under this sub-activity.

Answer:

The Children and Parenting sub-activity consists of Children and Parenting Support, Intensive Family Support Services and Child Support Advocacy.

A breakdown of funding from 1 January 2015 for Children and Parenting Support will not be known until selection processes are finalised. Children and Parenting Support has advertised up to \$140 million from 1 January 2015 to 30 June 2018. Existing providers of Intensive Family Support Services are receiving funding extensions from 1 July 2014 to 31 December 2014 of \$1.636 million in 2014-15. Existing providers of Child Support Advocacy are receiving funding extensions from 1 July 2014 to 31 December 2014 of \$0.217 million in 2014-15. Funding to be made available from 1 January 2015 onwards for Intensive Family Support Services and Child Support Advocacy has not yet been finalised.

- a) A breakdown of funding by state and territory for 2014-15 to 2017-18 will not be known until selection processes are finalised.
- b) An equivalent breakdown of funding for 2012-13 and 2013-14 is not able to be provided as the Children and Parenting Support component is new and did not exist in these years. A total of \$5.647 million was provided for Intensive Family Support Services in 2012-13 and \$5.580 million in 2013-14. A total of \$0.514 million was provided for Child Support Advocacy in 2012-13 and \$0.350 million in 2013-14.