Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio

2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Grants

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Senator Brown asked:

In the Budget, \$240 million over four years was cut by reforming the Discretionary Grant Program. Which grants will be affected and how much funding will be cut from each grant?

Answer:

Table 1.2 on page 36 of the Department's Portfolio Budget Statements outlines the Discretionary Grant Programme Reform measure at the outcome level over the forward estimates.

Detail on the Discretionary Grant Programme Reform measure and how it relates to spending in the new programme components in 2014 -15 was tabled at the Budget Estimates held on 19 June 2014, including the notional impact of the savings against the new activities within each programme.

The Discretionary Grant Programme Reform measure is not expected to impact ongoing service delivery, however specific impacts of the broadbanding of programmes will not be known until after the selection processes later this year, when all new agreements are in place.