

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

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Question No: 972

Topic: Government Spending on Womens' Issues

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Senator Waters asked:

Can the Department please clarify whether the following tabulation of government spending on womens' issues is accurate?

Funding for women	2013/14 Budget projections	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
As projected when all funding was in FAHCSIA	56.896	53.122	53.574	54.255	
2014/15 Budget - DSS 2.1	31.3	28.7	29.2	29.7	30.3
2014/15 Budget - DPMC Office for women 1.1	2.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.3
Sum for 2014/15 Budget	33.9	32.2	32.7	33.3	33.6
Difference contra previous forward estimates	-22.996	-20.92	-20.874	-20.955	

[from p.129 of http://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/07_2013/201314_pb_statements.pdf](http://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/07_2013/201314_pb_statements.pdf)

Answer:

The table of government funding is incorrect. The table does not reflect funding for women's safety.

Advice on broader funding for women's issues should be directed to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Refer to the response to Question on Notice 116 for details of funding for women's safety in the Department of Social Services.