

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question

Is the cost of paying overnight trained counsellors being met by Lifeline out of the original funding agreement, or is that an additional amount of money?

Answer

The current funding agreement with Lifeline includes a specific contribution to Lifeline's costs for the paid overnight counsellors. The Australian Government's contribution is \$3.3 million over 3 years to 30 June 2015.