

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: National Competition Council

Question No: 351

Topic: Programs administered by the department and portfolio agencies

Reference: Written

Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

For every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies, provide in an itemised table the following information:

- 1) The total funding allocated for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- 2) The number of organisations funded under the program in each in those years, the name of each organisation funded and the dollar value of that funding
- 3) The number of individuals projected to be serviced or services to be delivered through each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- 4) The total funding actually expended on each in 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- 5) The number of individuals actually serviced or services actually delivered through each in 2015-16 and 2014-15;
- 6) The aggregate staff budget for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 broken down by i) permanent APS staff and ii) contractors.
- 7) The number of permanent APS staff responsible for delivering each in 2016-17; 2015-16 and 2014-15, the classification of these staff and their geographic location;
- 8) The dollar value of external advice contracted to support each in 2016-17, as well as the number of contractors engaged, the APS-equivalent classification these contractors were engaged at and their geographic location.

Answer:

- 1) The total funding allocated for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 is set out below:

Item	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m
Total funding allocated	\$1.945	\$1.740	\$1.759

2) Program funding for the National Competition Council (NCC) also provides funding to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), which received \$700k in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 for provision of corporate services (via an MoU).

3) Not able to answer due to the breadth of the NCCs reach this would be too onerous to calculate.

4) The total funding actually expended on each in 2015-16 and 2014-15 is set out below:

Item	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m
Total funding actually expended	\$1.512	\$1.003

5) Not able to answer due to the breadth of the NCCs reach this would be too onerous to calculate.

6) The aggregate staff budget for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 is set out below.

Item	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m
Aggregate staff budget	\$0.762	\$0.143	\$0.135

The staff budget covers three part-time councillors who are statutory office holders. In 2014-15 the NCC also had an Executive Director position (a permanent APS staff member at SES band 2 classification) which has since been taken up by an ACCC staff member under the NCC-ACCC MoU. There were no contractors during the relevant period.

7) The number of permanent APS staff responsible for delivering each in 2016-17; 2015-16 and 2014-15, the classification of these staff and their geographic location;

Item	2014-15 ASL	2015-16 ASL	2016-17 ASL
# permanent APS staff	1	0	0

The single permanent APS staff member in 2014-15 was and SES band 2 based in Melbourne.

8) The dollar value of external advice contracted to support each in 2016-17, is set out below:

Item	2016-17 \$m
\$ value of external contracted advice	\$0.790

Expert legal and economic advice, totalling \$0.790m, is budgeted for a range of different contractor services across the country as needed for relevant cases.