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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Kakoschke-Moore, Skye

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Question:

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: In terms of the funding that you mentioned in your statement of \$105 million over three years being provided to the Northern Territory to reduce young people's contact with the criminal justice system, both as offenders and as victims, has any similar funding been provided to other states?

Ms Hefren-Webb: We would provide funding to a range of jurisdictions to run youth diversion activities to support young people coming out of juvenile justice. It would vary from state to state. It would depend on the nature of their system and so on. That might be something that would be useful for us to provide to you on notice.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: Yes, that would be helpful.

Senator Scullion: It might also be useful to advise that the Northern Territory number seems like a large number because this was done under Stronger Futures this is a 10-year figure and not the normal three-year figure that would be applied to the other states and territories. It is just the way that the funding is provided to the territory.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: It says here the government is providing nearly \$105 million over three years. That is for 2015 to 2018.

Ms Hefren-Webb: We will try to get you some comparable figures.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: If we could get some clarification that would be good.

Ms Hefren-Webb: Yes.

Answer:

Under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy's Safety and Wellbeing Programme, the Commonwealth Government provides funding for a range of activities to complement efforts by states and territories to reduce Indigenous young people's contact with the criminal justice system, both as offenders and victims, and to improve their wellbeing.

Over the 2016-17, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 fiscal years, around \$204.71 million in total funding is provided under the Safety and Wellbeing programme for activities where children (aged 0-11 years) and youth (aged 12-25 years) are the primary or secondary target group:

- youth leadership and sport and recreation activities
- youth healing and advocacy services
- alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation services
- rehabilitation and reintegration support for young people exiting youth detention
- night patrols
- social and emotional wellbeing activities.

The breakdown of the \$204.71 million by state and territory is as follows:

- Northern Territory - \$115.12 million
- Western Australia - \$23.98 million
- Queensland - \$20.61 million
- Victoria - \$6.64 million
- Tasmania - \$2.47 million
- South Australia - \$11.10 million
- New South Wales - \$22.88 million
- National Projects - \$1.91 million