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Senator: Moore, Claire

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Question:

Senator MOORE: Can I get on notice the information on the women in leadership and women in public sector strategies, because it is one of my favourite projects. Can I also get you to have a look at what other things were delayed, because it is more than 300 grand—the difference between what was allocated and what was spent.

Ms McIntyre: There will be a long list, because there would have been a number of projects on hand at that time, but we can provide that to you.

Senator MOORE: Can I also find out about the state of those projects now.

Answer:

Women's Leadership and Development Strategy (WLDS)

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (PM&C) website www.dpmmc.gov.au/office-women/grants-and-funding provides comprehensive information about the WLDS.

The WLDS does not currently have set grant rounds and the receipt of applications is dependent on the applicant.

From the calling of the 2016 Federal Election on 8 May 2016 to 30 June 2016, one costed proposal and four expressions of interest for funding were received by the Office for Women. PM&C was unable to provide further advice to the Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash, on new proposals received during this time due to caretaker conventions.

The Office for Women has not been able to contact the organisations that submitted applications to request they disclose their details. However, details of the nature of the applications and the funding requested (where applicable) are provided below.

The costed application received by the Office for Women sought transitional funding of \$300,000 (GST exclusive) to enable the organisation to continue to serve as a peak organisation. The organisation received funding in 2015-16 from the Office for Women for this purpose. In 2016-17, the applicant also received \$42,500 from the Office for Women to build capacity of young women and girls to understand and advocate for their human rights. This proposal was considered by the Minister after the election and was not approved due to \$600,000 (from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018) being provided to the organisation by another Government Department to serve as a peak organisation.

The four expressions of interest covered requests to fund:

- attendance at an international Indigenous conference
- promotion and support for leadership programs and decision-making
- support to women returning to the workforce after parental leave
- a fully supported residential facility for Aboriginal women coping with substance abuse and trauma.

These expressions of interest did not progress into costed proposals.

Women in Public Service Project (WPSP)

Please refer to PM052 Additional Estimates 2016-2017, for information on the WPSP.