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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

Senator McLUCAS: Thank you very much for that. On notice, and we will put this in, there are three different figures from the ones that I have in my briefing. I just need an explanation. Ms Carroll: We will give you an explanation on notice, but I can give you a quick answer. It is about the special appropriations. For example, in Children and Schooling, the away from base measure is a special appropriation because it is demand driven by how many students et cetera. That is a separate line item versus the grant funding. But we can break that down for you.

Answer:

The Portfolio Budget Statement shows the total Outcome 2, Bill 1 Administered Appropriation as \$5.29 billion over four years, 2014-15 to 2017-18. However, this includes \$497 million of funding for Commonwealth Authorities and Companies (CAC) agencies which are not funded under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).

A total of \$4.8 billion has been allocated to the IAS for the four years 2014-15 to 2017-18.

In addition the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet also has appropriations that are part of outcome 2 but not available to the IAS. These include:

- Appropriation Act No.2 Special Purpose Payments to the Northern Territory non-Government school sector to support building a quality school workforce (under the National Partnership Agreement for Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory);
- special Accounts, such as the Aboriginal Benefits Account (under Programme 2.1 Jobs Land and Economy); and
- special Appropriations, such as the Commonwealth Scholarship Programme and Indigenous Support Programme (under Programme 2.2 Children and Schooling).