

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO**

Program: Family Court of Australia

Question No. AE17/069

Senator Pratt asked the following question at the hearing on 28 February 2017:

In October 2016, the Government announced \$30 million in funding for frontline legal assistance and family law services. This funding is part of the \$100 million announced in 2016 for the Third Action Plan under the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children. This funding would include \$18.5 million for integrated duty lawyer and social support services in family courts.

1. How much funding has the Family Court received from the Government as part of this \$30 million package?
2. Has the Family Court been advised when it will be receiving this funding?
3. Would \$18 million be sufficient additional funding to ensure that victims of family violence have adequate access to legal representation and support services or is more funding needed?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. None.
2. Not applicable.
3. The Family Court is unable to say whether \$18 million would be sufficient additional funding to ensure that victims of family violence have adequate access to legal representation and support services.