

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 43

Senator McLucas asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2006:

Can a breakdown of funding for each service for each state allocated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service be provided?

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

The following table shows the allocation of funds for Indigenous legal aid services for the three financial years 2005–06 to 2007–08. A progressive move from annual grants (Program Funding Agreements) to contract arrangements is occurring over this period.

Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia have signed legal services contracts for the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2008. South Australia and the Northern Territory had Program Funding Agreements for seven months (July 2005–January 2006) and moved to legal services contracts for the period 1 February 2006 to 30 June 2008. New South Wales and Tasmania had Program Funding Agreements for 2005-06, and moved to legal services contracts for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008.

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
NSW	\$12,044,621	\$12,664,409	\$13,231,843
Vic	\$2,717,184	\$2,809,486	\$2,887,857
Qld	\$12,648,960	\$12,325,456	\$11,903,483
SA	\$3,672,883	\$3,627,418	\$3,555,524
WA	\$8,198,400	\$8,811,842	\$9,398,198
TAS	\$1,288,320	\$1,399,819	\$1,507,734
NT	\$6,277,632	\$6,536,570	\$6,765,361
Aust	\$46,848,000	\$48,175,000	\$49,250,000