

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE
Answer to Question Taken on Notice

Question Number: 3-4

Date: 13/07/2017

From: Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula

To: Hon. Natasha Fyles

Portfolio: Attorney-General & Justice

Agency: Attorney-General & Justice

Subject: National Partnership Funding for Legal Services

Answer

See attached

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Question Taken on Notice

Date: 20 June 2017

Subject: Community legal services funding under the National Partnership Agreement

From: Member for Nhulunbuy

To: Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

Agency: Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Number: 3.4

Question: Could you advise which community of legal services will be funded under the National Partnership Agreement on legal assistant services and where these services are based?

Answer:

The total amount of funding for community legal centres under the National Partnership Agreement on Legal Assistance Services 2015-2020 (NPA) that has been confirmed for 2017-18 is \$1,124,000. The NPA funding will be allocated to:

- Darwin Community Legal Service (Darwin)
- Central Australian Women's Legal Service (Alice Springs)
- Top End Women's Legal Service (Darwin); and
- Katherine Women's Information and Legal Service (Katherine).

Commonwealth base funding for community legal centres under the NPA was set to reduce from 2016-17 levels by \$427,000 in 2017-18. However, on 24 April 2017 the Commonwealth announced specific funding for community legal centres are to be directed to family law and family violence services, which means that overall funding levels for CLCs under the NPA will not be reduced.

The Commonwealth has now confirmed its intention to provide additional funding to the Northern Territory, through a variation of the NPA, of \$467,000 in 2017-18, \$472,000 in 2018-19 and \$477,000 in 2019-20. There are specific conditions on the allocation of this component of the NPA funding to family law and family violence related legal services.