

Question on Notice

No. 383

Asked on 10 May 2022

MR T NICHOLLS ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND MINISTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (HON S FENTIMAN) –

QUESTION:

Will the Attorney-General advise the funding, by financial year, for court network services for the previous three years, including the funding allocated for the 2021-22 financial year?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Clayfield for the question.

I am advised that funding, by financial year, to Court Network Services for the period 2018-19 to 2021-22 from the Justice Portfolio is set out in the following table.

Funding description	2018-19 \$M	2019-20 \$M	2020-21 \$M	2021-22 \$M*
Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG) (including court reception services (DFV Courts); and victims service)	0.295	0.504	0.433	0.478
DJAG (Legal Assistance Services Program)	0.506	0.530	0.497	0.150
Total	0.801	1.034	0.930	0.628

*This includes forecast payments to be made by 30 June 2022.

Court Network is funded to 30 June 2022 for Court Support Services under the Victims Services Funding Program (VSFP). However, funding for Court reception services continues to 30 June 2024. Funding for the next round of the VSFP which commences from 1 July 2022 recently proceeded through a competitive tender process in line with the government's procurement policy. Similarly, a competitive tender process occurred in 2019-20 to allocate legal assistance funding over 2020-25. Unfortunately, Court Network was unsuccessful in those processes. The Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG) would welcome Court Network to apply for any future funding rounds.

DJAG continues to work closely with Court network in relation to opportunities for the provision of suitable services.