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Dear Mr Pearson

Danny

2018-19 Budget Estimates Inquiry Hearings – revised response to question 12e

In response to your request of 24 July 2018 for a revised response to question 12e on the breakdown on each of the component costs of running the medicinal cannabis scheme. Updated responses to question 12e and question 12d is attached.

An electronic version of this response has also been forwarded to the Committee Secretariat by email in advance of this correspondence.

Should you require further assistance regarding the response, please contact Trent Kear, Director, Strategic and Budget Planning, on 9096 8362.

Yours sincerely

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**ATTACHMENT: REVISED RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE
12d and 12e ON MEDICINAL CANNABIS SCHEME COSTS**

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HEALTH PORTFOLIO

12. With respect to medicinal cannabis:

(Asked by Mr Smith and Mr Morris, pages 27-8 of the Health portfolio transcript)

- d. Of the budget allocation of \$5.1 million in 2016-17 and \$5.1 million 2017-18 for access to medicinal cannabis:
- i. How much has been spent of each year's allocation
 - The following has been spent for each year's allocation:
 - 2016-17: Actual expenditure - \$3.0 million, and
 - 2017-18: Actual expenditure - \$4.8 million (*updated*).
 - ii. How much, if any, is expected to be carried over into 2018-19?
 - It is not expected that any funds will be carried over into 2018-19.
- e. Please provide a breakdown of how much has been spent on each of the component costs of running the scheme.

Below is an estimated breakdown of how much has been spent on each of the component costs of running the scheme for 2017-18:

- \$0.4 million: Import of medicinal cannabis for children with severe and intractable epilepsy as part of the compassionate access scheme
- \$1.3 million: Staffing costs
- \$2.1 million: Government product development
- \$0.9 million: Research and clinical support
- \$0.1 million: Other office costs.