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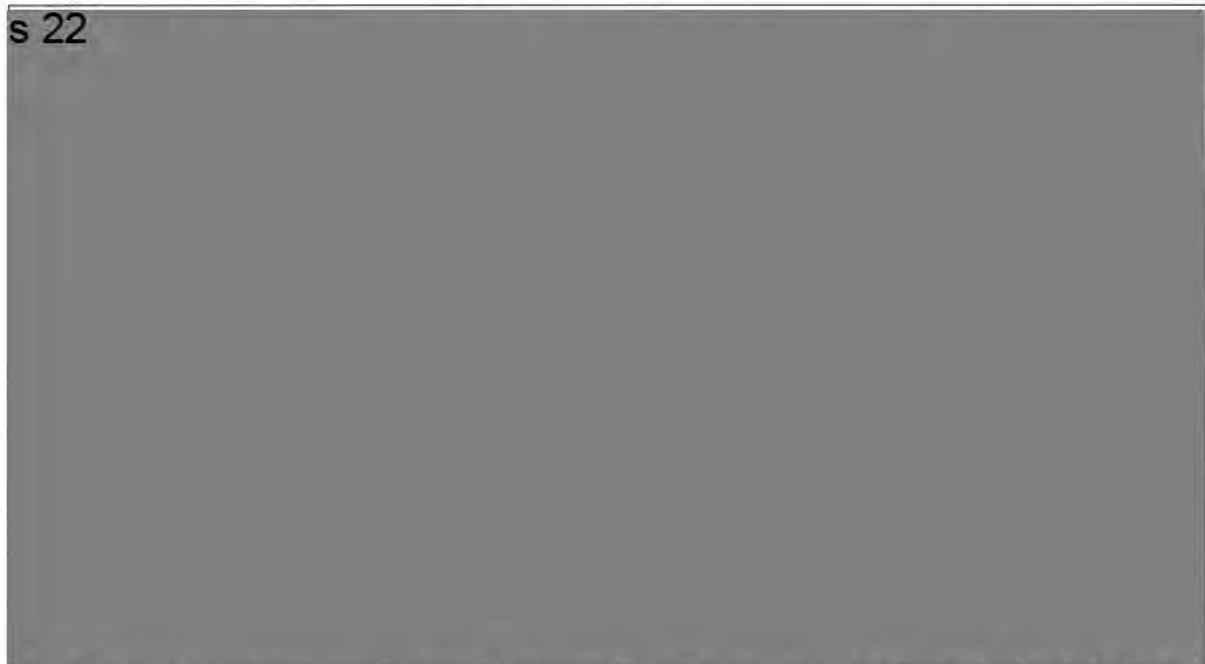
**Australian Government**  
**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,**  
**Regional Development, Communications and the Arts**

Dispatched to MO  
19 DEC 2022

**To: The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (for decision)**

**Subject:** Investing in Our Communities Program - Grant Opportunity Guidelines Approval

**Critical Date:** As soon as practical to allow time for Minister of Finance approval and the publication of program guidelines prior to the anticipated program opening in early January 2023.



4. That you **agree** to the updates to the current list of commitments to be invited to submit an application for the Investing in Our Communities Program and those identified for allocation to other portfolios at **Attachment E**.

Agreed /  Not Agreed

5. That you **sign** letters to relevant Ministers for commitments identified for allocation to other portfolios at **Attachment F**.

Signed /  Not Signed

The Hon Catherine King MP

Date: 29.1.23.

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**Key Points:**

1. In the 2022-23 October Budget, the Australian Government committed administered funding of up to \$349.9 million for the Investing in Our Communities Program (the program) over five financial years from 2022-23 to 2026-27. The one-off, closed, non-competitive program will deliver the Australian Government's 2022 election commitments and Community Development Grants Programme commitments identified through the 2022 Pre-election Fiscal Outlook (PEFO) of up to \$5 million.
2. The key objective of the program is to build resilient communities and increase community liveability by providing grants for infrastructure projects. The program will deliver on this objective by funding community and sporting infrastructure, open space improvements and other community priority projects that will drive economic opportunity and/or provide improved amenity, accessibility and liveability outcomes.

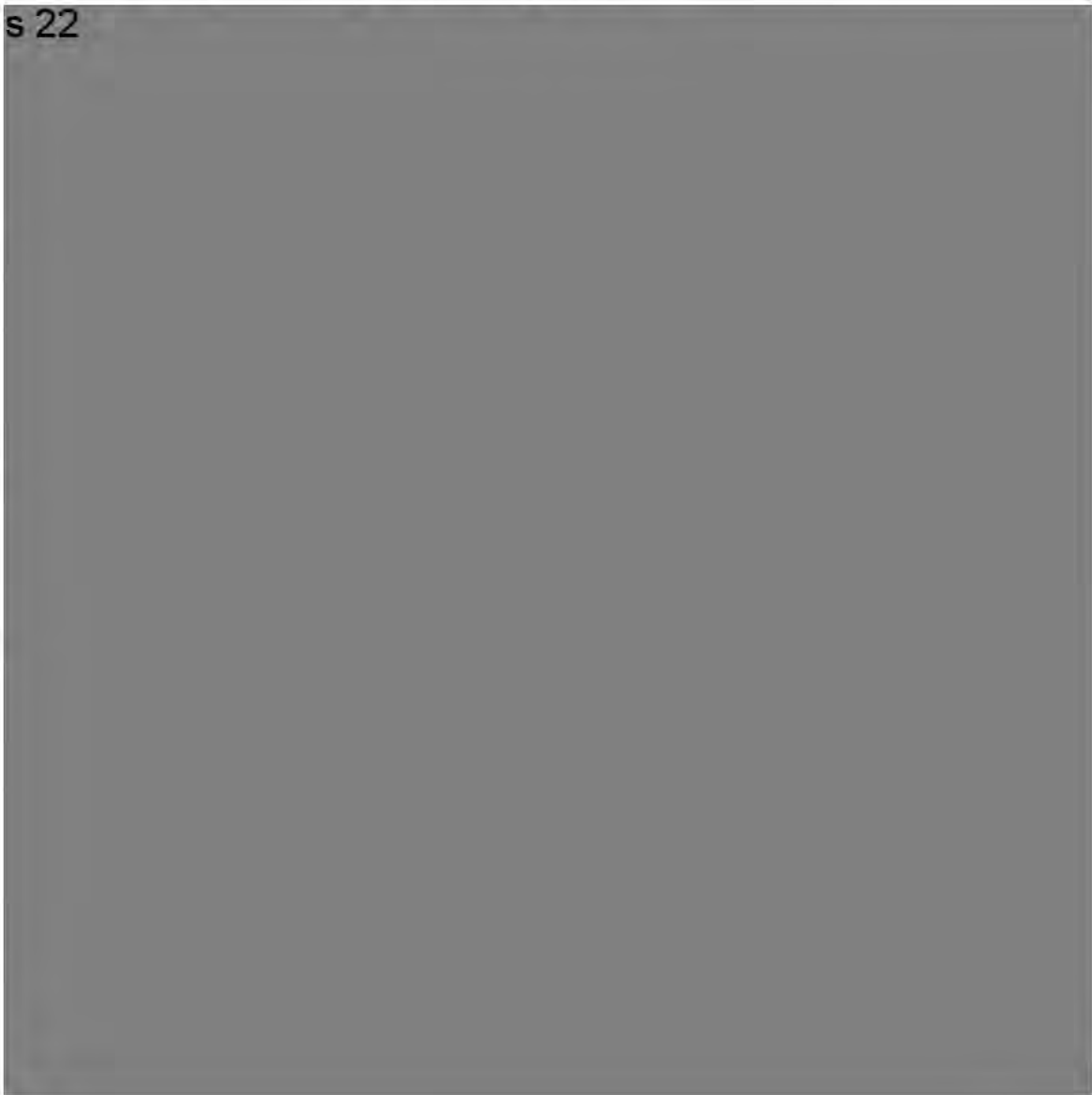
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8. An indicative list of commitments intended to be funded by the program was agreed as part of the 2022-23 October Budget process. Following further review and consultations with your office, the department has updated the list including proposed transfer of a number of projects where they have been identified as ineligible under grant opportunity guidelines and/or were more suited to delivery by other portfolios. The updated list of commitments, including those identified for allocation to other portfolios, is at **Attachment E**. Letters addressed to relevant Ministers to transfer projects is provided at **Attachment F**. s 22

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9. If you agree to the updated commitments list and s 22 s 22 we will prepare a letter to the Prime Minister to advise him of the confirmed commitment list for the Investing in Our Communities Program. This will provide policy authority for the invitations to be issued under the program.

**Financial impacts:** N/A

**Legal/Legislative impacts:**

10. You wrote to the Minister for Finance on 7 November 2022 on a Schedule 1AB legislative instrument for the program (MS22-002079 refers) under the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997*. Following formal agreement from the Minister for Finance on 22 November 2022, the amendments for the program were considered at the Federal Executive Council (ExCo) meeting on 8 December 2022 and are now legislated.

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**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: s 22
- Attachment B: [Redacted]
- Attachment C: [Redacted]
- Attachment D: [Redacted]
- Attachment E: Updated IIOC commitments list (current at 15 December 2022)
- Attachment F: Letters to Ministers with portfolio responsibilities for transferred projects

Cleared By: Meghan Hibbert  
 Position: Assistant Secretary  
 Division: Regional Programs Branch, Regional  
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 Recovery  
 Ph: 02 6393 s [Redacted]  
 s 22 [Redacted]  
 Cleared Date: 15 December 2022

Contact Officers: s 22 [Redacted]  
 Sections: Program Development / Program  
 Assessment  
 s 22 [Redacted]

**Instructions for MPS:** Nil

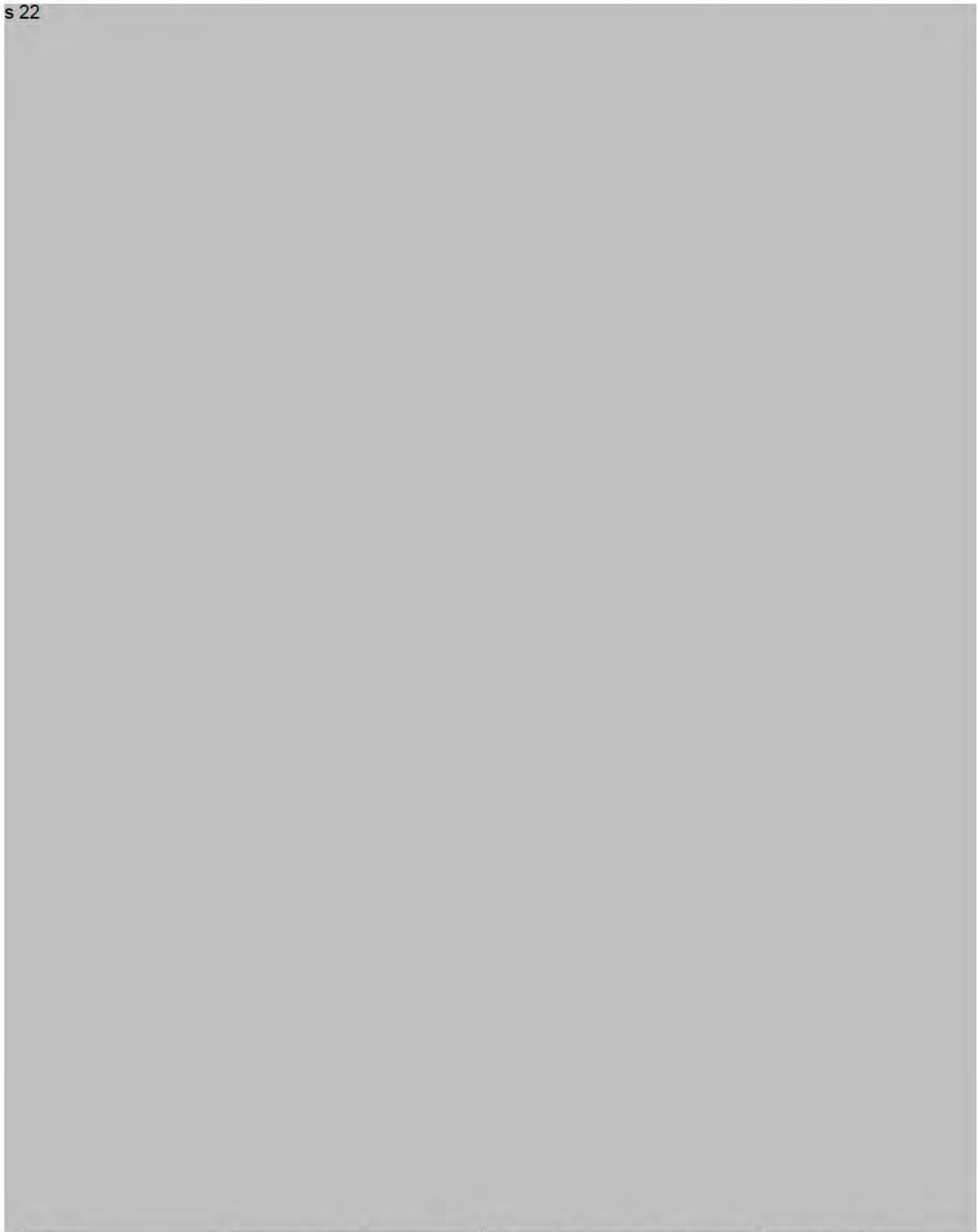
**Responsible Adviser:** s 22 [Redacted]

**PDMS Distribution List:** Jim Betts, David Mackay, Janet Quigley, Meghan Hibbert, s 22 [Redacted]  
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**The Hon Catherine King MP**

**Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government  
Member for Ballarat**

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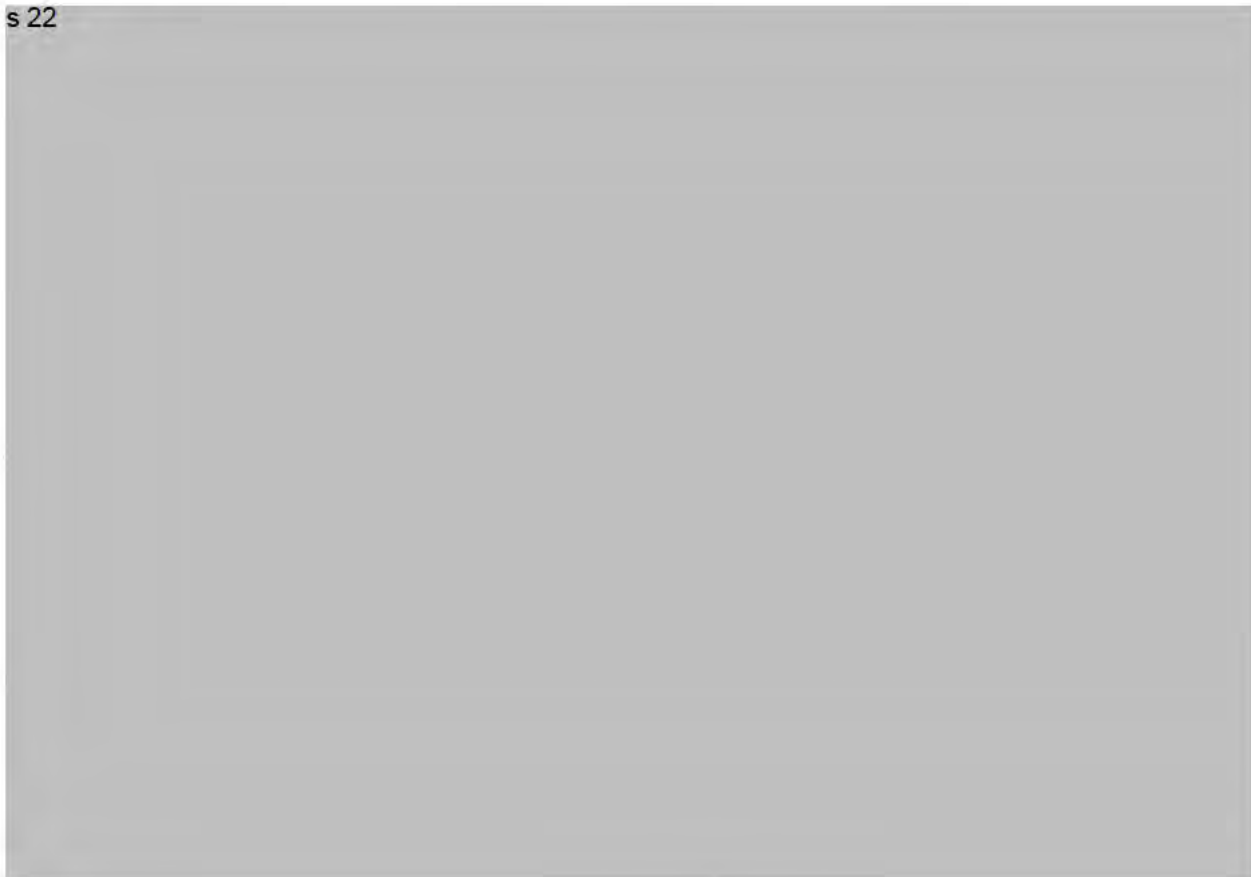
The Hon Amanda Rishworth MP  
Minister for Social Services  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

During the 2022-23 October Budget, the Australian Government agreed to the Investing in Our Communities Program (program) to deliver election commitments and eligible commitments committed by the former Government's Community Development Grants Programme during the 2022 Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook of up to \$5 million.

My department has identified that the following commitments are either unable to meet the eligibility requirements of the program and/or your portfolio is better placed to administer the projects.

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If you accept this transfer, this can be confirmed via return letter. I will advise the Prime Minister of the reallocation of commitments to alternative portfolios once the transfers are settled.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely



Catherine King MP

29/01/2023

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**The Hon Amanda Rishworth MP**

**Minister for Social Services**

Ref: MS23-000178

The Hon Catherine King MP  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development  
and Local Government  
PO Box 6022  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter dated 29 January 2023, requesting the transfer of ten election commitments from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to the Department of Social Services.

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The remaining s 22 commitments do not fit within existing programs in my department primarily because they involve the purchase of assets or capital works. While my Safe Places housing program involves capital works, the program is delivered for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence and does not extend to supporting staff as proposed for the Wilcannia commitment, s 22 [Redacted]

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Yours sincerely



Amanda Rishworth MP

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From: s 22 @infrastructure.gov.au>  
Sent: Thursday, 30 March 2023 11:42 AM  
To: s 22 @infrastructure.gov.au>  
Subject: RE: For advice today pls: Election commitments moving between portfolios [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Projects earmarked for transfer – per Ministers Letters

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**From:** s 22 [redacted] <[redacted]@infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 28 April 2023 2:52 PM  
**To:** s 22 [redacted] <[redacted]er@infrastructure.gov.au>; s 22 [redacted] <[redacted]@infrastructure.gov.au>; s 22 [redacted] <[redacted]@infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Cc:** FGBBS - External Budgets <FGBBS-ExternalBudgets@infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Adjustments required - Program Specific - Other investing in our communities program [~~SEC-PROTECTED, CAVEAT-SH.CABINET~~] [~~SEC-PROTECTED~~]

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Hi s 22 [redacted]

See below/attached the transfers were agreed. s 22 [redacted]

Thanks

s 22 [redacted]

s 22  
Director External Budgets Finance, Governance, Budget and Business Services Division  
s 22 @infrastructure.gov.au  
Ps 22  
GPO Box 594 Canberra, ACT 2601

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From: s 22 @finance.gov.au  
Sent: Friday, 28 April 2023 2:43 PM  
To: s 22 @infrastructure.gov.au  
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Subject: RE: Adjustments required - Program Specific - Other investing in our communities program [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SI: CABINET]

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As discussed and further to this – HL Extracts for DSS s 22 agreeing to the transfer are below.

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<p>27</p>	<p><b>Community Infrastructure Projects – transfer of responsibility</b>  <i>Letter from the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government to the Minister for Social Services of 29 January 2023.</i></p> <p>Request for a movement of funds/ new measure</p>	<p>s 22</p>	<p>Agree to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>transfer responsibility for administering the following commitments under <i>the Investing in Our Communities Program</i> from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA) to the Department of Social Services:</li> </ul> <p>s 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of secure housing for staff members of Wilcannia Safe House</li> </ul> <p>s 22</p> <p>If agreed, this proposal would constitute an estimates variation.</p>
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Kind Regards,

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s 22 Budget Officer  
Communications and Regional Development Agency Advice Unit  
Budget & Financial Reporting  
Department of Finance







**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [BFR - AAU - Communications and Regional Development](#); [FBG - External Budgets](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Project information for transfer of Investing in Our Communities Program Projects to Depts of DSS and Education [SEC=PROTECTED]  
**Date:** Monday, 24 April 2023 1:54:14 PM  
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Hi [REDACTED] and team,  
Information on the possible HL transfers to DSS and DESE on the Investing in Our Communities (IIOC) program, with preferred savings (returns from DITRDCA) profiles by project (depending on which ones are actioned at this time).  
Happy to discuss.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 April 2023 12:48 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Project information for transfer of Investing in Our Communities Program Projects to Depts of DSS and Education [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Andrew

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Thank you for your time earlier to explain the information you needed from the Regional Programs Branch to facilitate the transfer of projects currently committed under the Investing in Our Communities (IIOC) program

I have set out the information below. Please let me know if you have any questions. The profiling of the transfers, and in fact for the whole program, is arbitrary as we do not have sufficient detail on the projects to accurately predict expenditure at this stage. We would therefore be agreeable to the profile put forward by Education and DSS.

§ 22  
There is no capacity to transfer departmental funding as the agreed appropriation of departmental is not allocated on a pro-rata project basis. There are § 22 projects to be transferred out of the program to the § 22 and DSS. This represents 0.5 % of the projects in the IIOC program and would mean a negligible amount of departmental funding.

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Construction of secure housing for staff members of Wilcannia Safe House	Domestic Violence Services Management	\$450,000	Verbal advice DSS will accept transfer		\$450,000		
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Thanks again for your help and please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else  
Best wishes

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