

**Response provided to journalist
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Question:

Can we please have a statement regarding how the \$400 million will be spent in Williamstown?

Response:

The current and forecasted budget for the Department of Defence PFAS Investigation and Management Branch was discussed at the Senate Estimates hearing on 5 April 2019. Defence Deputy Secretary for Estate and Infrastructure, Steve Grzeskowiak, outlined the current budget and forward estimates as follows:

- Financial Year (FY) 2019/20 - \$205m
- FY 2020/21 - \$101m
- FY 2021/22 - \$59m
- FY 2022/23 - \$32m

The reductions in the forward estimates are reflective of current activities and knowledge of future needs. These estimates may be refined as further investigations mature and sensible remediation initiatives are progressed.