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The Rt Hon the Lord Bradley  
House of Lords  
London  
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Dear Lord Bradley,

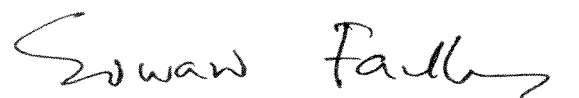
The following Parliamentary Question was tabled on 18 March:

How much (1) capital, and (2) revenue, funding has been allocated to women's centres, in each of the last five years.

Unfortunately it was not possible to respond to your question in the time available before Prorogation and an 'I Will Write' response was issued to you at the end of the 14/15 parliamentary session. I am now in a position to answer your question, and would refer you to the enclosed response from Helen Grant MP to a Parliamentary Question tabled by Sadiq Khan MP on 24/03/2013 on the matter. It has not been possible to provide a breakdown as to amounts designated for capital funding and revenue funding as you have requested, as the information has not been recorded in this manner.

Funding methodologies changed during the 2014/15 financial year under the Transforming Rehabilitation Programme, with the transition from 35 Probation Trusts to the new National Probation Service, as a part of the National Offender Management Service (NOMS), and the introduction of 21 Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs) under contract to NOMS. Funding for women's services provision was included within the contract delivery requirements but was not identified separately for recording purposes. However, you may wish to note that providers of women's services were expected to continue to receive funding until the end of March 2015, unless there were concerns regarding performance or if demand fell. I am also pleased to note that some women's community services have secured contracts with the new CRCs in their areas for providing services beyond March 2015, and that there is ongoing dialogue between a large number of the remaining organisations and their CRCs.

Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience the delay in responding may have caused. I am also placing a copy of this letter in the House library.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward Faulks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E' and a long, sweeping underline.

**EDWARD FAULKS**