

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 80

Topic: Funding for Make a Difference

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Senator Bernardi asked:

I refer to an article in the Logan West Leader from 9 February 2011 concerning an organisation called “Make a Difference” (MAD) which helps children care for their mentally ill or drug addicted parents. The article states that, until last year, MAD was funded through a \$500,000 Federal Government grant, but is now set to lose its premises and staff due to the removal of this funding.

I ask that you advise:

1. Why the funding has been cut?
2. Who made the decision to cut this funding and when?

Answer:

Funding for Make a Difference (MAD) has not been removed. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has a current funding agreement with MAD in place.