## Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

## 2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5 Question No: 83

**Topic:** Cairns Mental Health Carers Support Hub

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## **Senator Boyce** asked:

When the Department uses the phrase "continuity of service" in this context is the Department saying that a similar service will be offered in the same area but it just won't be run or administered by the Hub team?

## **Answer:**

The phrase "continuity of service" refers to a process to ensure existing services are funded to enable them to continue to deliver in the out years. All Targeted Community Care (Mental Health) family and carer support providers, including Mental Illness Fellowship of North Queensland (MIFNQ), have been invited to provide a proposal to renew their funding from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2014.

On-going funding is currently provided to MIFNQ to deliver the WellWays program and respite services in North Queensland.