

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 10

Question No: 590

Topic: Building Multicultural Communities Program (BCMP)

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Senator Moore asked:

If a decision was formally made to not complete funding agreements between Activate Community Services (also known as the Welcome Centre), along with hundreds of other community organisations, who made the decision? Was it the Department of Social Services? Was it Minister Kevin Andrews and/or his office? Was it Parliamentary Secretary Fierravanti-Wells and/or her office?

When was the decision made?

Answer:

The review of discretionary grant spending, led by the Department of Finance, assessed all discretionary grant spending to ensure it aligned with government priorities and commitments. The review of discretionary grants spending commenced on 4 October 2013.

The review found that the majority of the Departments grants were able to proceed for 2013-14, with a small number of unexecuted grants ceasing. All executed grants were honoured. This was a decision of the Government.