

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** SQ15-000202

**Topic:** DSS Grants Process

**Hansard page:** Written

**Senator Brown** asked:

Were any organisations that were originally told they were not preferred providers later told they were preferred providers?

- a. If yes, when were organisations informed of the change?
- b. How many organisations?
- c. Where were they located?
- d. Were these additional services identified for funding by the Department or the Minister?
- e. What process was undertaken to identify these additional services for funding?

**Answer:**

Yes.

- a. Following Delegate's approval.
- b. One.
- c. Queensland.
- d. There were no additional services identified by the Minister or the Department. However in one instance, the initial preferred provider declined a funding offer and the Department's Expert Panel consequently reviewed the assessment outcomes for that round and recommended that another suitable applicant be offered funding. This recommendation was approved by the Departmental delegate.
- e. Not Applicable.