Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: SQ15-000204

Topic: DSS Grants Process

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Senator Brown, Carol asked:

Were all existing providers who were unsuccessful in the 2014 DSS Funding Rounds offered bridging funding? If not, please provide details on services that were not offered the transitional funding.

Answer:

Bridging funding was offered to support organisations to provide continued access to critical frontline services while new services were established from 1 March 2015.

Bridging funding was offered to organisations delivering critical front line services within the following activities:

- a. Emergency Relief
- b. Food Relief
- c. Communities for Children Direct
- d. Family and Relationship Services for Humanitarian Entrants
- e. Kids in Focus
- f. Specialist Family Violence
- g. Commonwealth Financial Counselling
- h. Money Management Services
- i. Family Mental Health Support Services
- j. Settlement Grants*
- k. Community Development and Participation/Community Capacity Building* *Note: not all activities were considered to be critical services.